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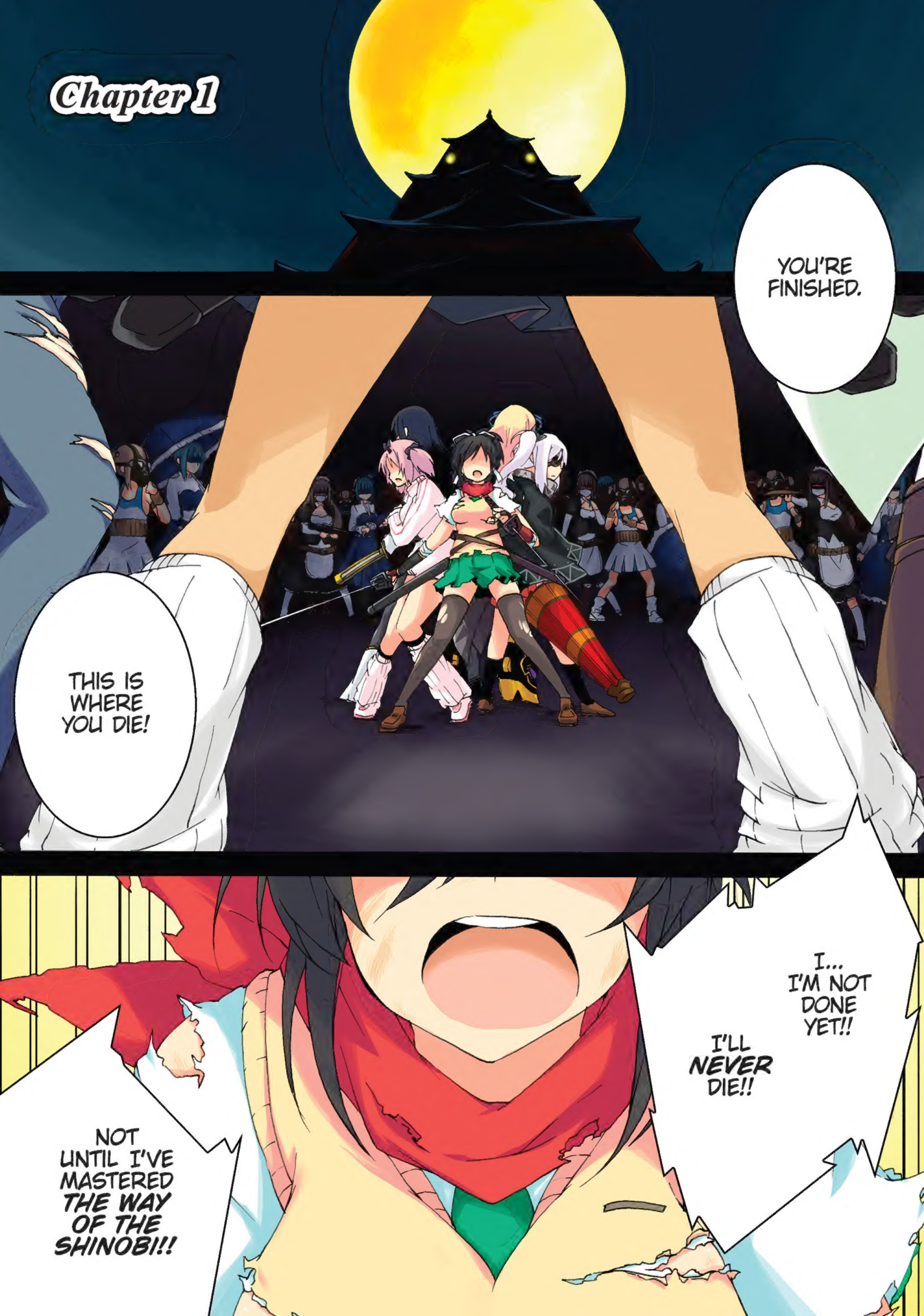
YOU'RE FINISHED.
THIS IS WHERE YOU DIE!
I... I'M NOT DONE YET!!
I'LL *NEVER* DIE!!
NOT UNTIL I'VE MASTERED *THE WAY OF THE SHINOBI!!*

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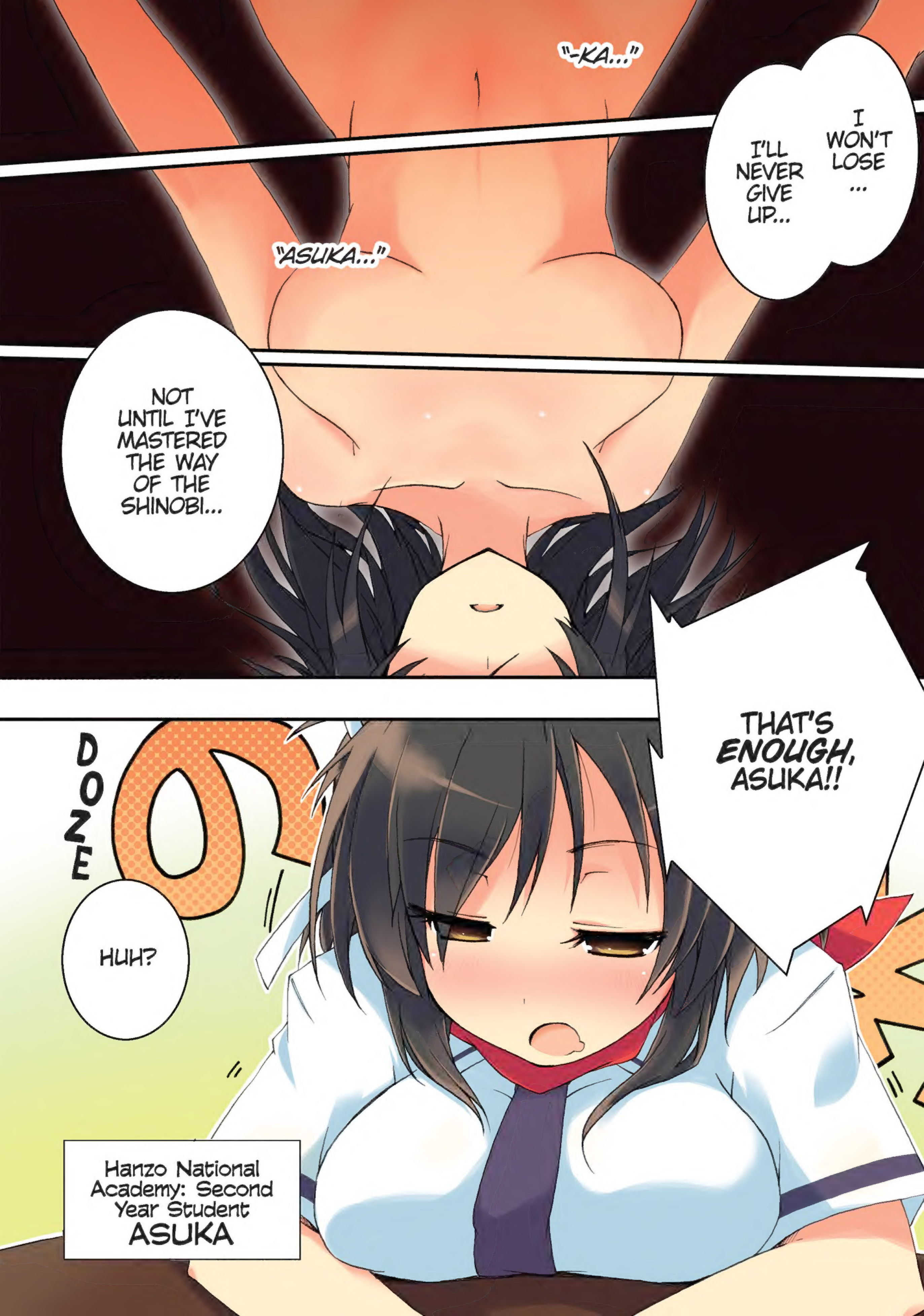
THIS I SWEAR!
I WILL DANCE AND FIGHT FOR JUSTICE!!


"-KA..."
I WON'T LOSE...
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP...
"ASUKA..."
NOT UNTIL I'VE MASTERED THE WAY OF THE SHINOBI...
THAT'S ENOUGH, ASUKA!!
DOZE
HUH?
Hanzo National Academy: Second Year Student ASUKA

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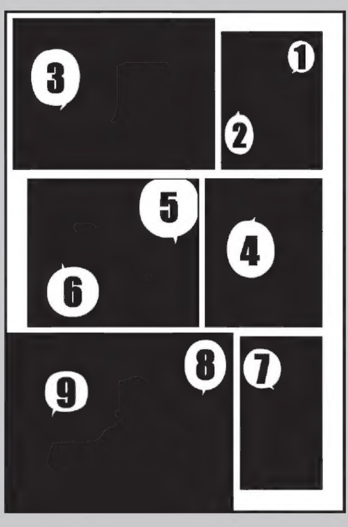
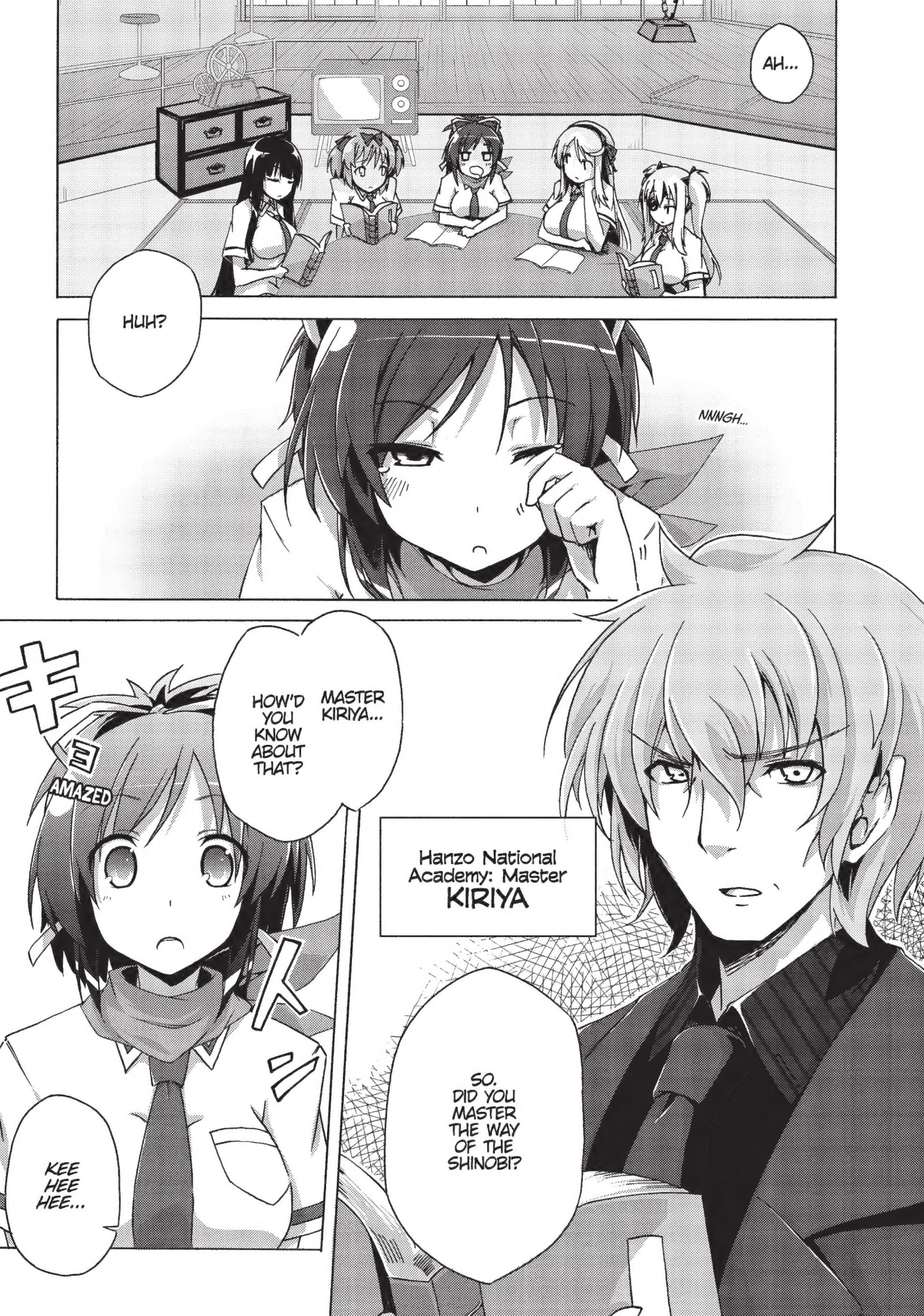
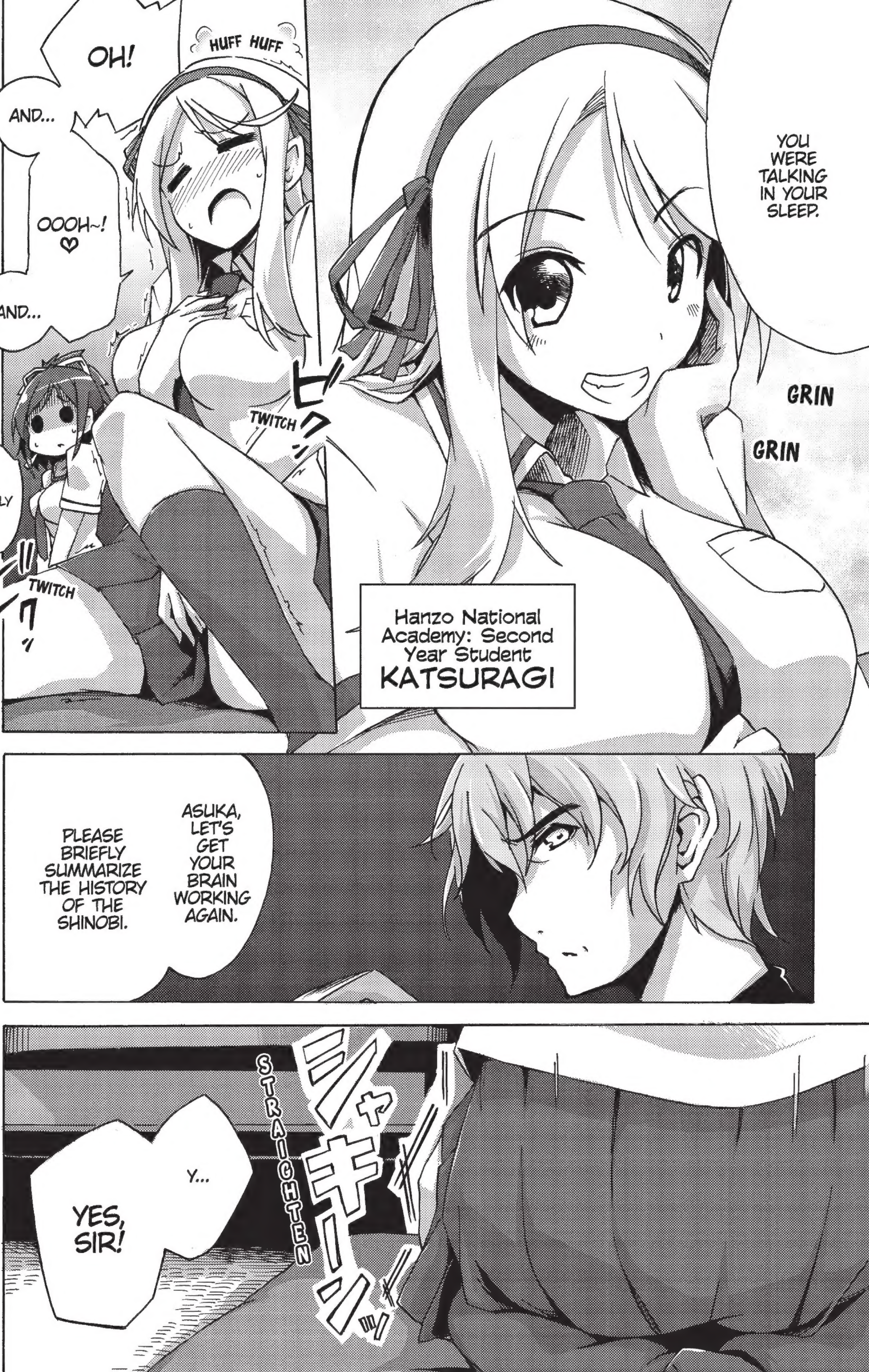
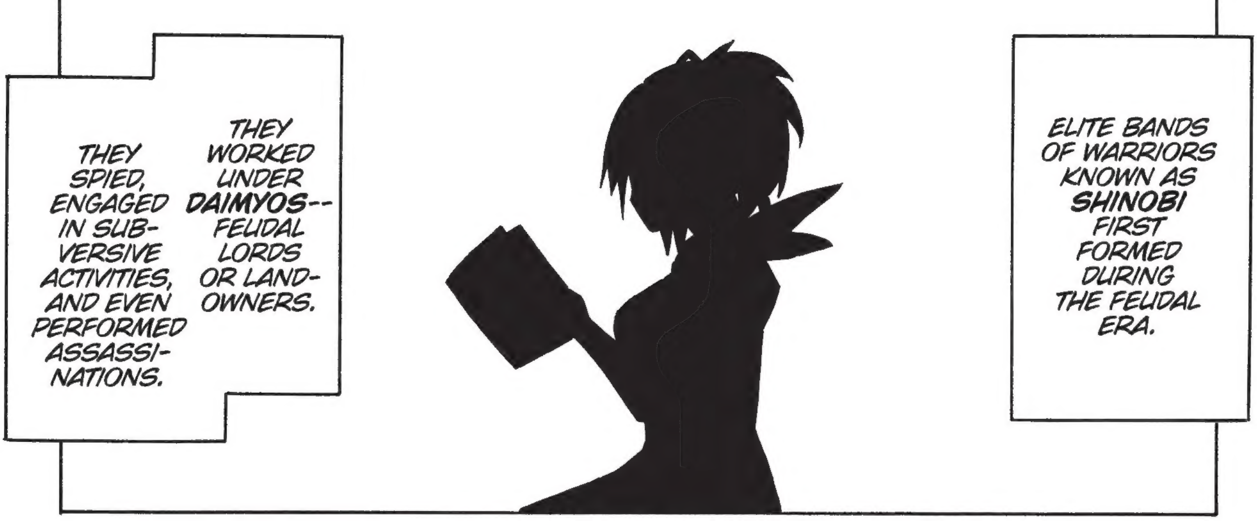



AH...
HUH?
NNNGH...
Hanzo National Academy: Master KIRIYA
SO. DID YOU MASTER THE WAY OF THE SHINOBI?
MASTER KIRIYA... HOW'D YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
キョトン
AMAZED
KEE HEE HEE...


YOU WERE TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP.
GRIN
GRIN
Hanzo National Academy: Second Year Student
KATSURAGI
HUFF HUFF
OH!
AND...
OOOH~! ♡
AND...
TWITCH
R-REALLY?
TWITCH
ASUKA, LET'S GET YOUR BRAIN WORKING AGAIN.
PLEASE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE HISTORY OF THE SHINOBI.
STRAIGHTEN
Y...
YES, SIR!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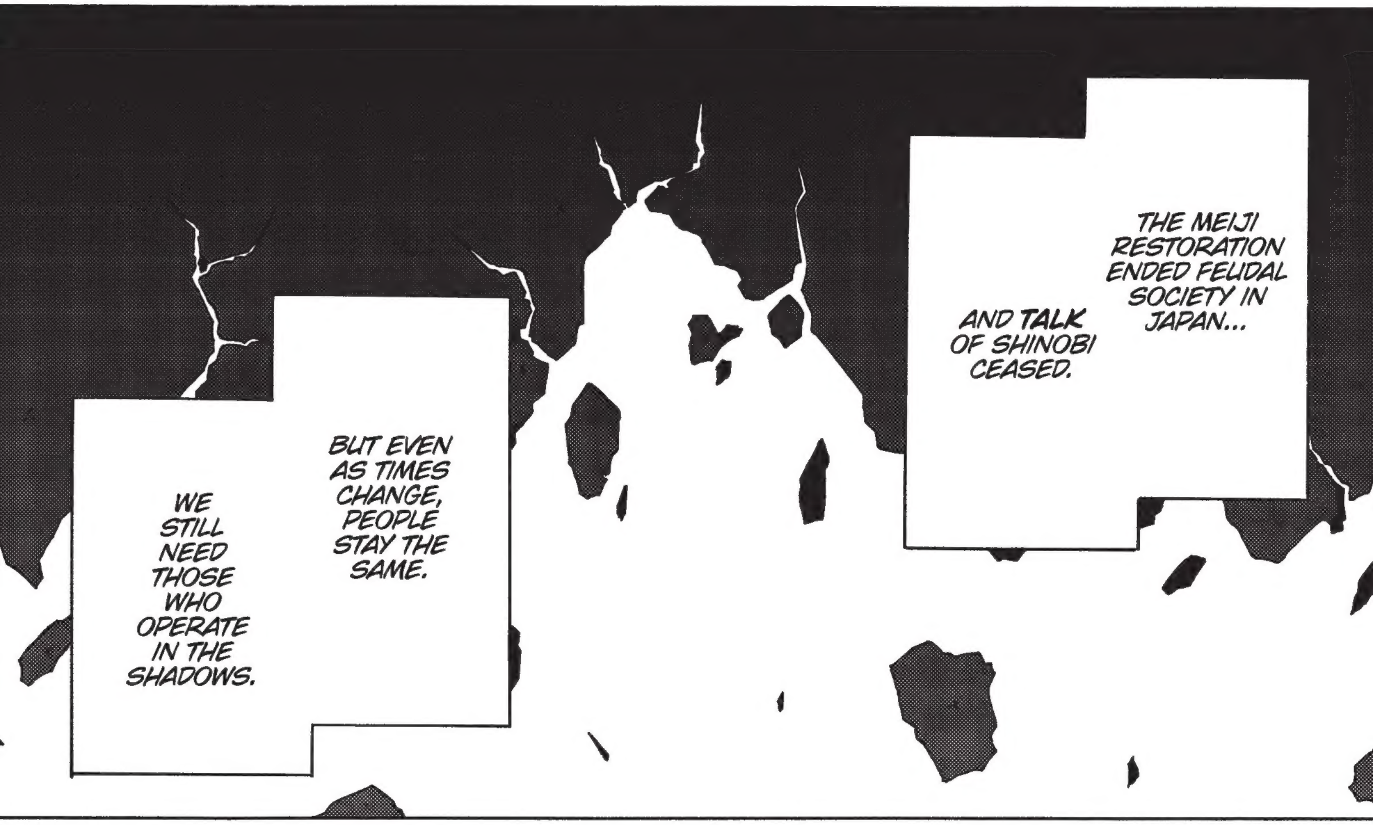
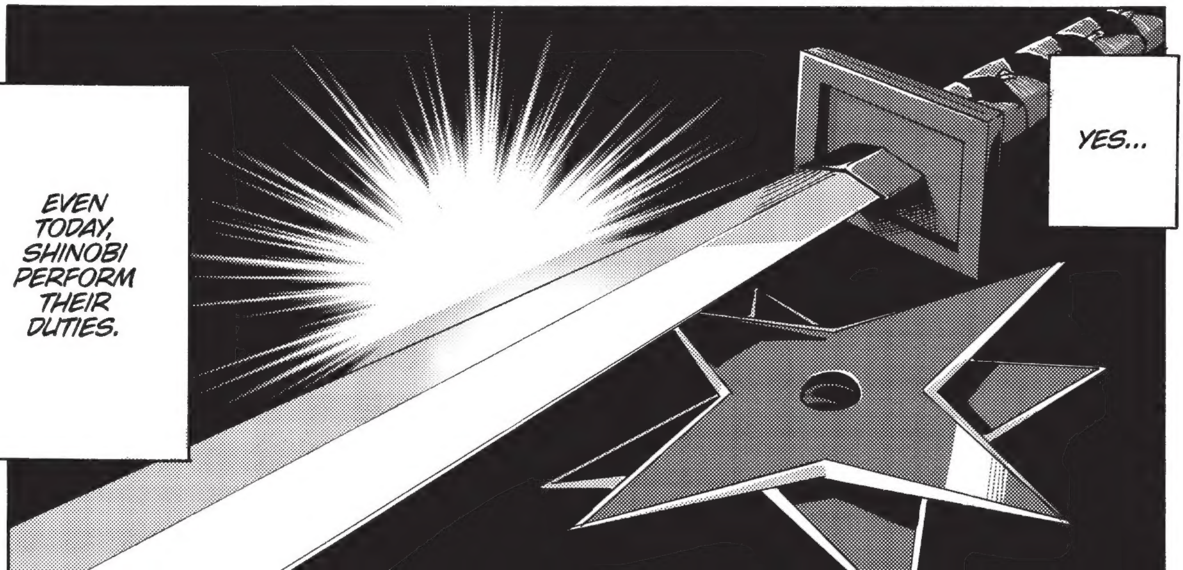

THE MEIJI RESTORATION ENDED FEUDAL SOCIETY IN JAPAN...
AND **TALK** OF SHINOBI CEASED.
BUT EVEN AS TIMES CHANGE, PEOPLE STAY THE SAME.
WE STILL NEED THOSE WHO OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS.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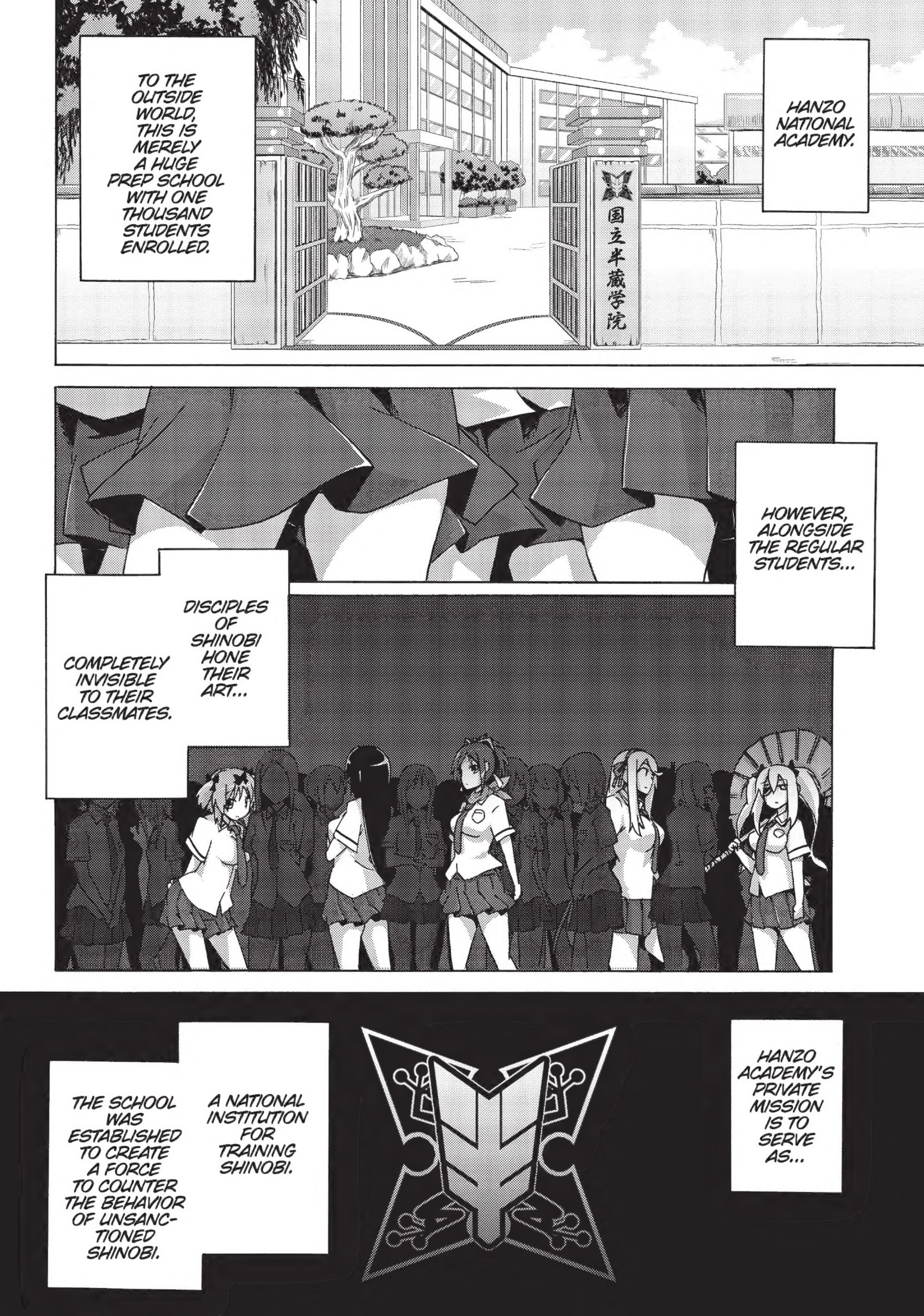
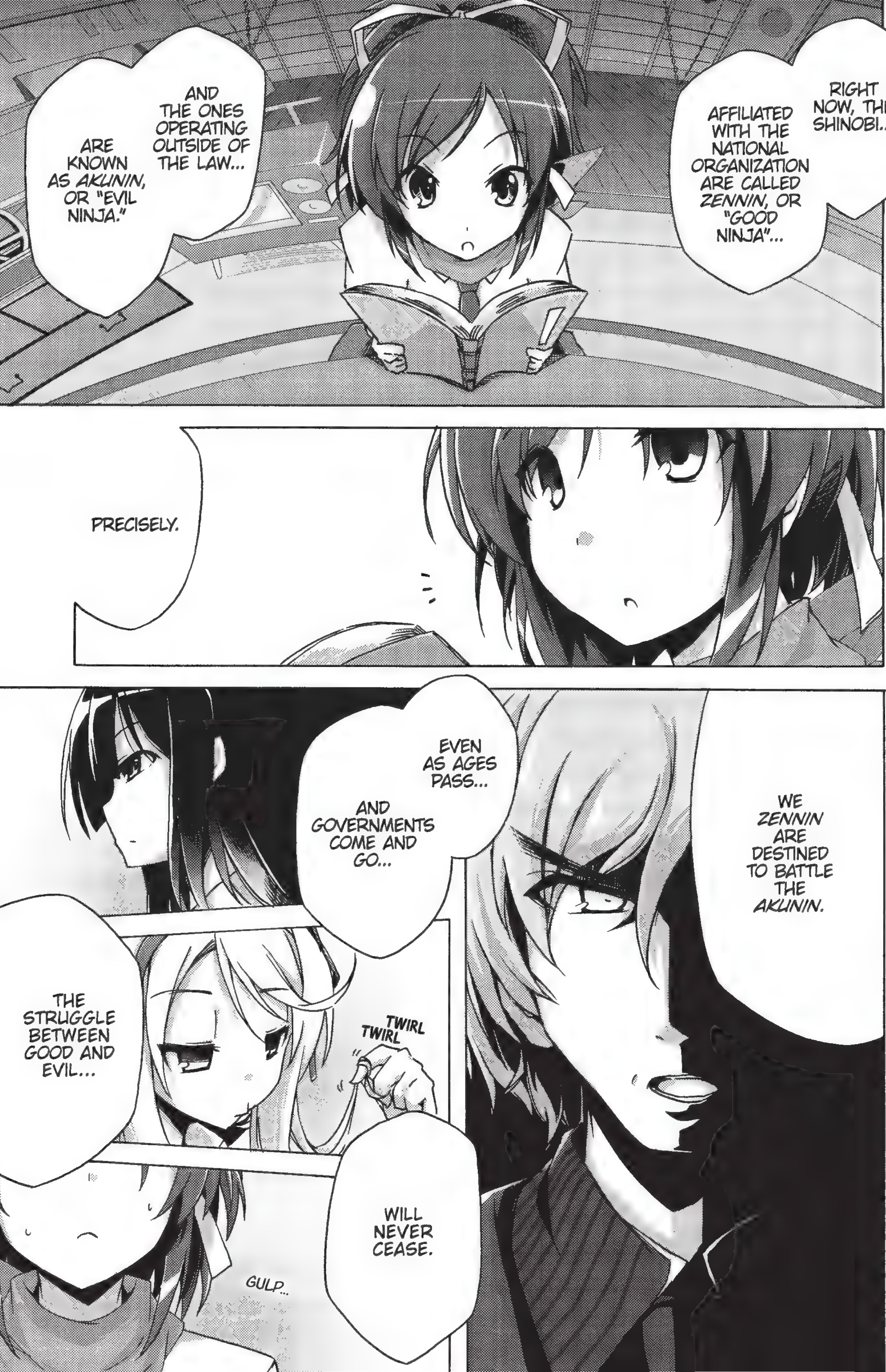
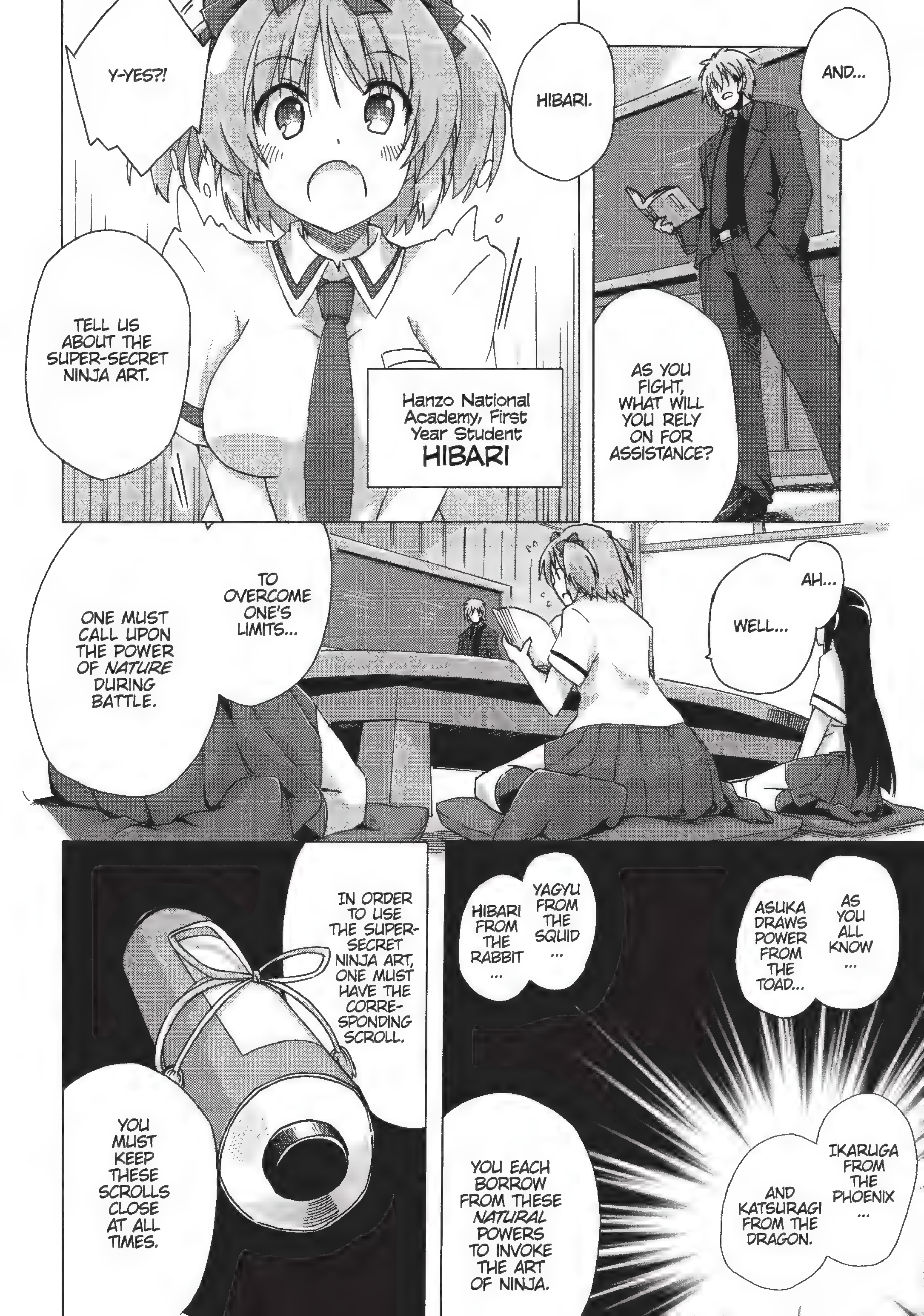
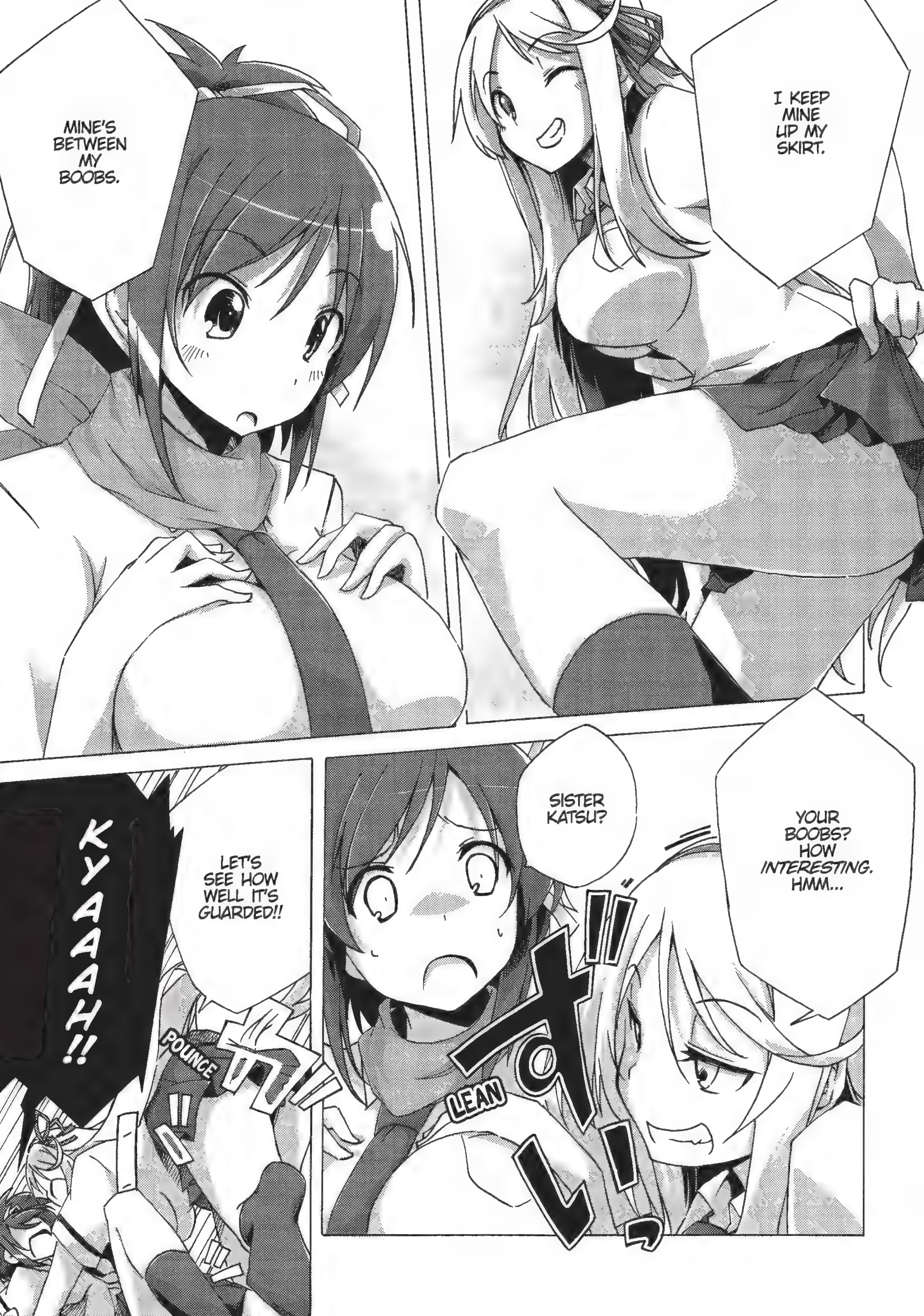
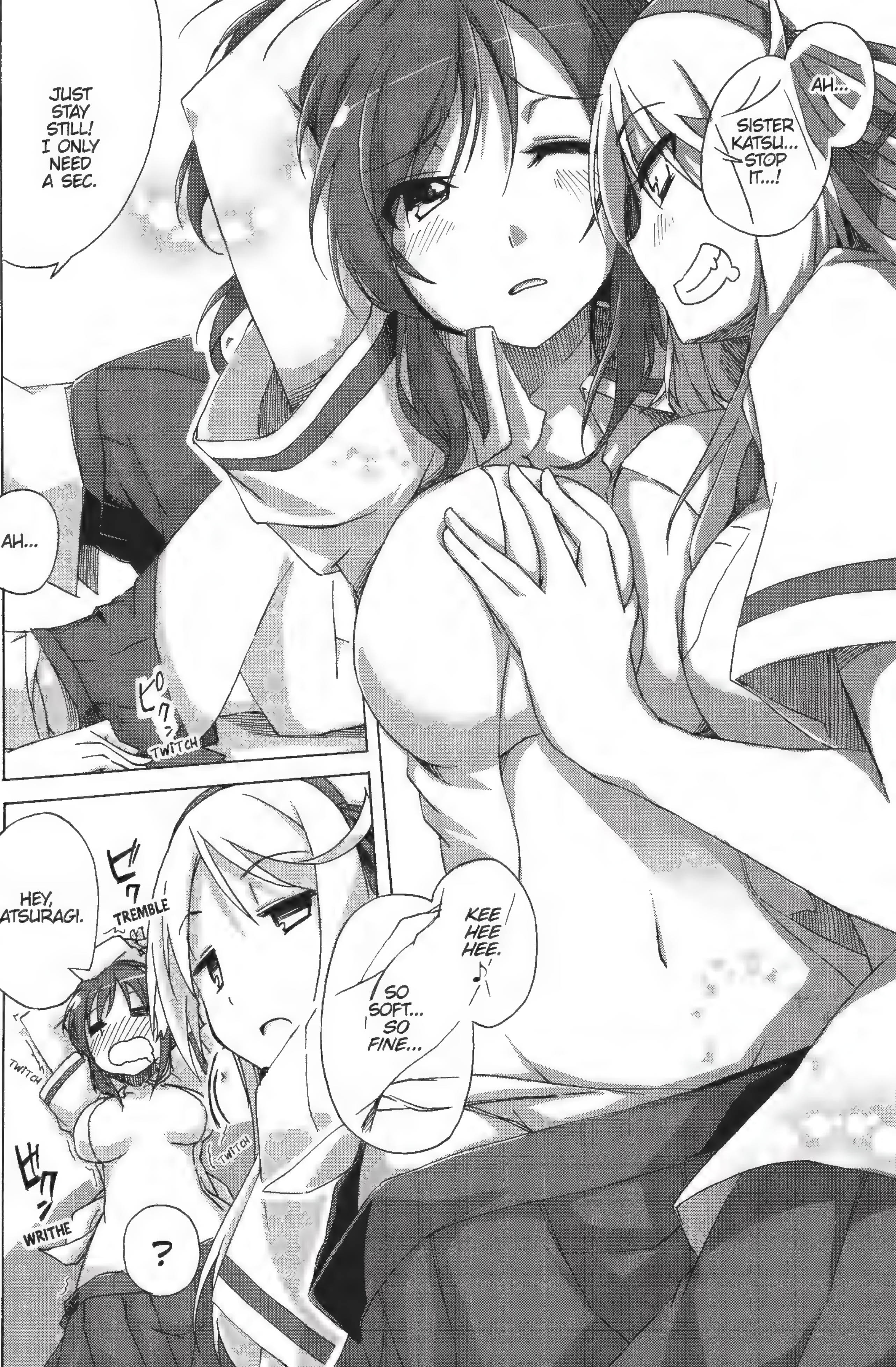
EVEN TODAY, SHINOBI PERFORM THEIR DUTIES.

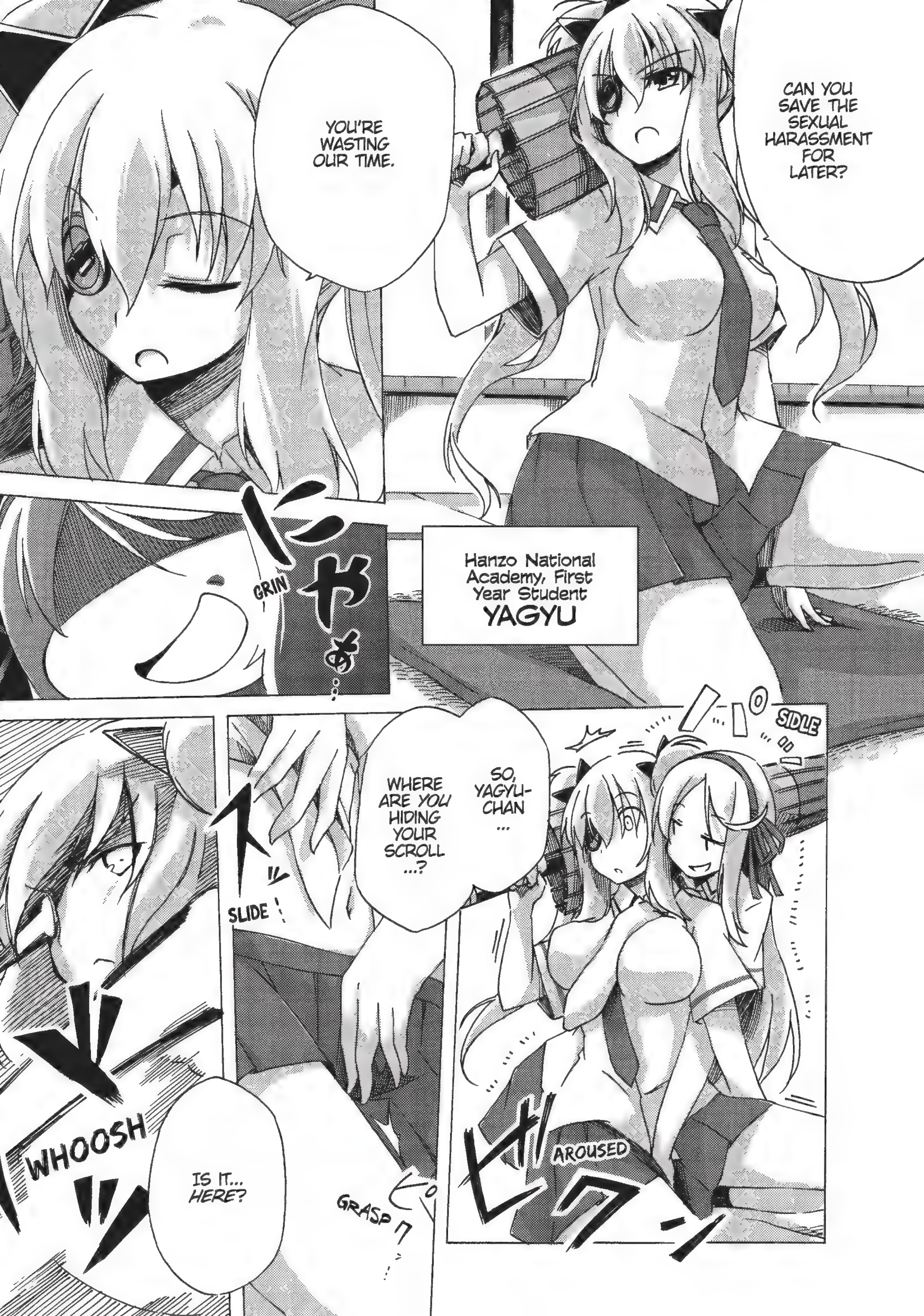

HANZO NATIONAL ACADEMY.
国立半蔵学院
TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THIS IS MERELY A HUGE PREP SCHOOL WITH ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS ENROLLED.
HOWEVER, ALONGSIDE THE REGULAR STUDENTS...
DISCIPLES OF SHINOBI HONE THEIR ART...
COMPLETELY INVISIBLE TO THEIR CLASSMATES.
HANZO ACADEMY'S PRIVATE MISSION IS TO SERVE AS...
A NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR TRAINING SHINOBI.
THE SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED TO CREATE A FORCE TO COUNTER THE BEHAVIOR OF UNSANCTIONED SHINOBI.

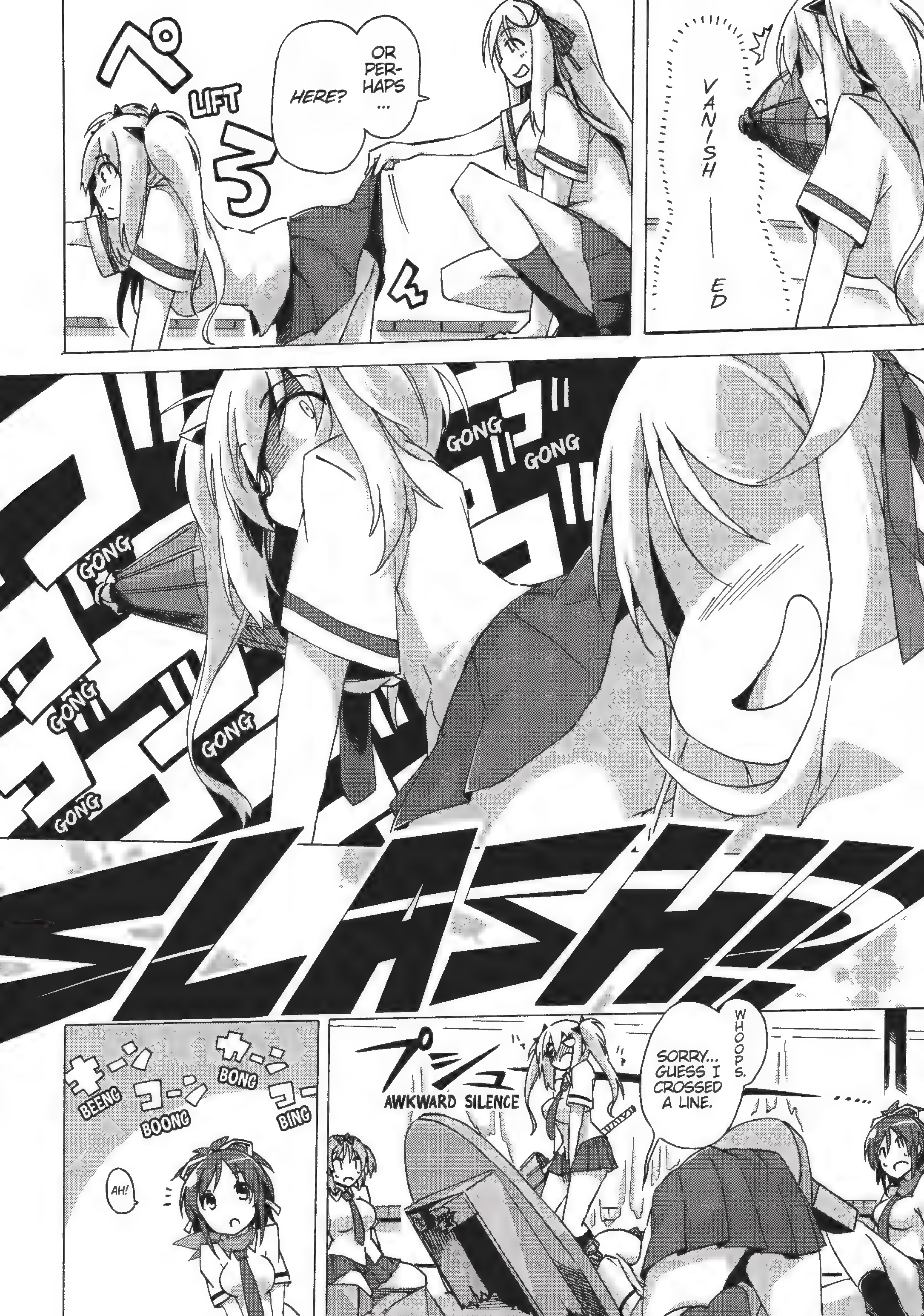

RIGHT NOW, THE SHINOBI...
AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARE CALLED *ZENNIN*, OR "GOOD NINJA"...
AND THE ONES OPERATING OUTSIDE OF THE LAW...
ARE KNOWN AS *AKUNIN*, OR "EVIL NINJA."
PRECISELY.
WE *ZENNIN* ARE DESTINED TO BATTLE THE *AKUNIN*.
EVEN AS AGES PASS...
AND GOVERNMENTS COME AND GO...
TWIRL TWIRL
THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL...
WILL NEVER CEASE.
GULP...

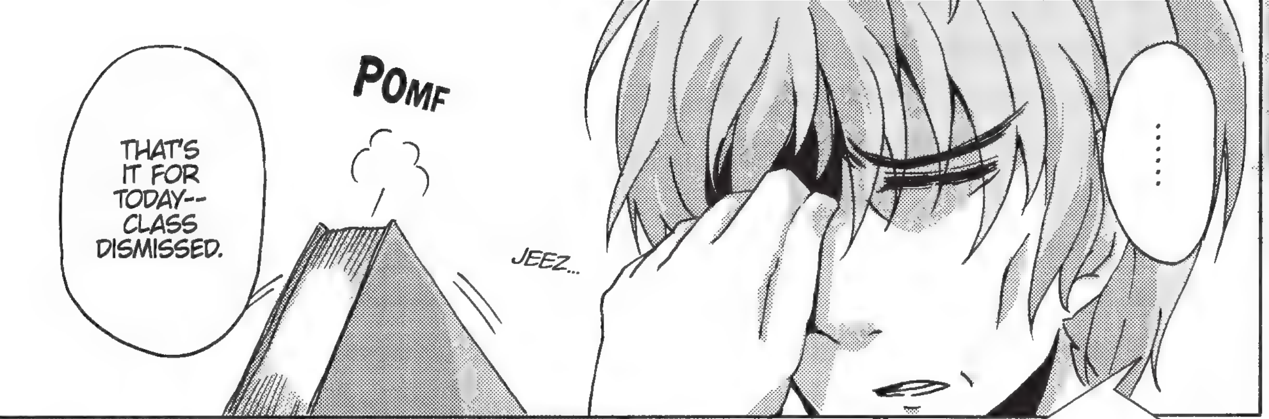

AND...
AS YOU FIGHT, WHAT WILL YOU RELY ON FOR ASSISTANCE?
HIBARI.
Y-YES?!
TELL US ABOUT THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART.
Hanzo National Academy, First Year Student HIBARI
AH...
WELL...
TO OVERCOME ONE'S LIMITS...
ONE MUST CALL UPON THE POWER OF *NATURE* DURING BATTLE.
AS YOU ALL KNOW...
ASUKA DRAWS POWER FROM THE TOAD...
YAGYU FROM THE SQUID...
HIBARI FROM THE RABBIT...
IKARUGA FROM THE PHOENIX...
AND KATSURAGI FROM THE DRAGON.
YOU EACH BORROW FROM THESE *NATURAL* POWERS TO INVOKE THE ART OF NINJA.
IN ORDER TO USE THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART, ONE MUST HAVE THE CORRESPONDING SCROLL.
YOU MUST KEEP THESE SCROLLS CLOSE AT ALL TIMES.


I KEEP MINE UP MY SKIRT.
MINE'S BETWEEN MY BOOBS.
YOUR BOOBS? HOW *INTERESTING.* HMM...
SISTER KATSU?
ずいっ
LEAN
LET'S SEE HOW WELL IT'S GUARDED!!
KYAAAAH!!
POUNCE


AH...
SISTER KATSU... STOP IT...!
JUST STAY STILL! I ONLY NEED A SEC.
AH...
TWITCH
KEE HEE HEE. ♪
SO SOFT... SO FINE...
HEY, KATSURAGI.
TREMBLE
TWITCH
TWITCH
WRITHE
?


CAN YOU SAVE THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR LATER?
YOU'RE WASTING OUR TIME.
Hanzo National Academy, First Year Student
YAGYU
にやぁ…
GRIN
SIDLE
SO, YAGYU-CHAN ...
WHERE ARE YOU HIDING YOUR SCROLL ...?
SLIDE
AROUSED
WHOOSH
IS IT... HERE?
GRASP


VANISH—ED
ペ
LIFT
OR PER-HAPS ...
HERE?
GONG
GONG
GONG
GONG
GONG
GONG
SLASH!!
WHOOPS.
SORRY... GUESS I CROSSED A LINE.
.....
プシュ
AWKWARD SILENCE
キーン
BEENG
コーン
BOONG
カーン
BONG
コー
BING
AH!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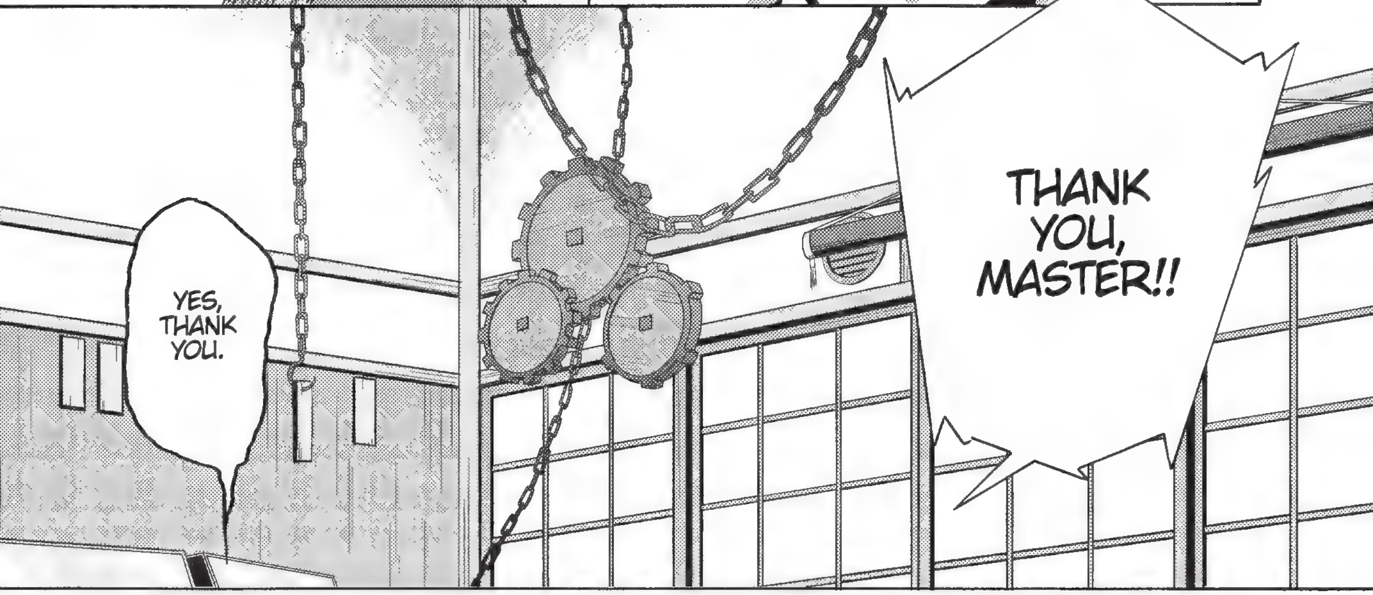
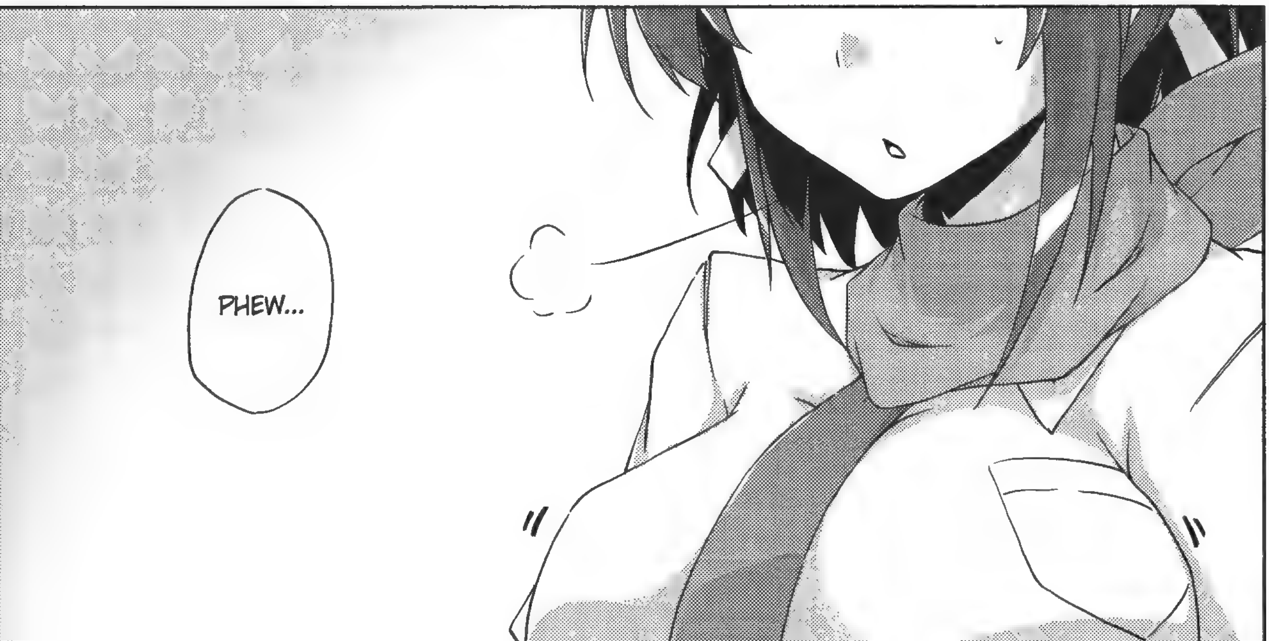
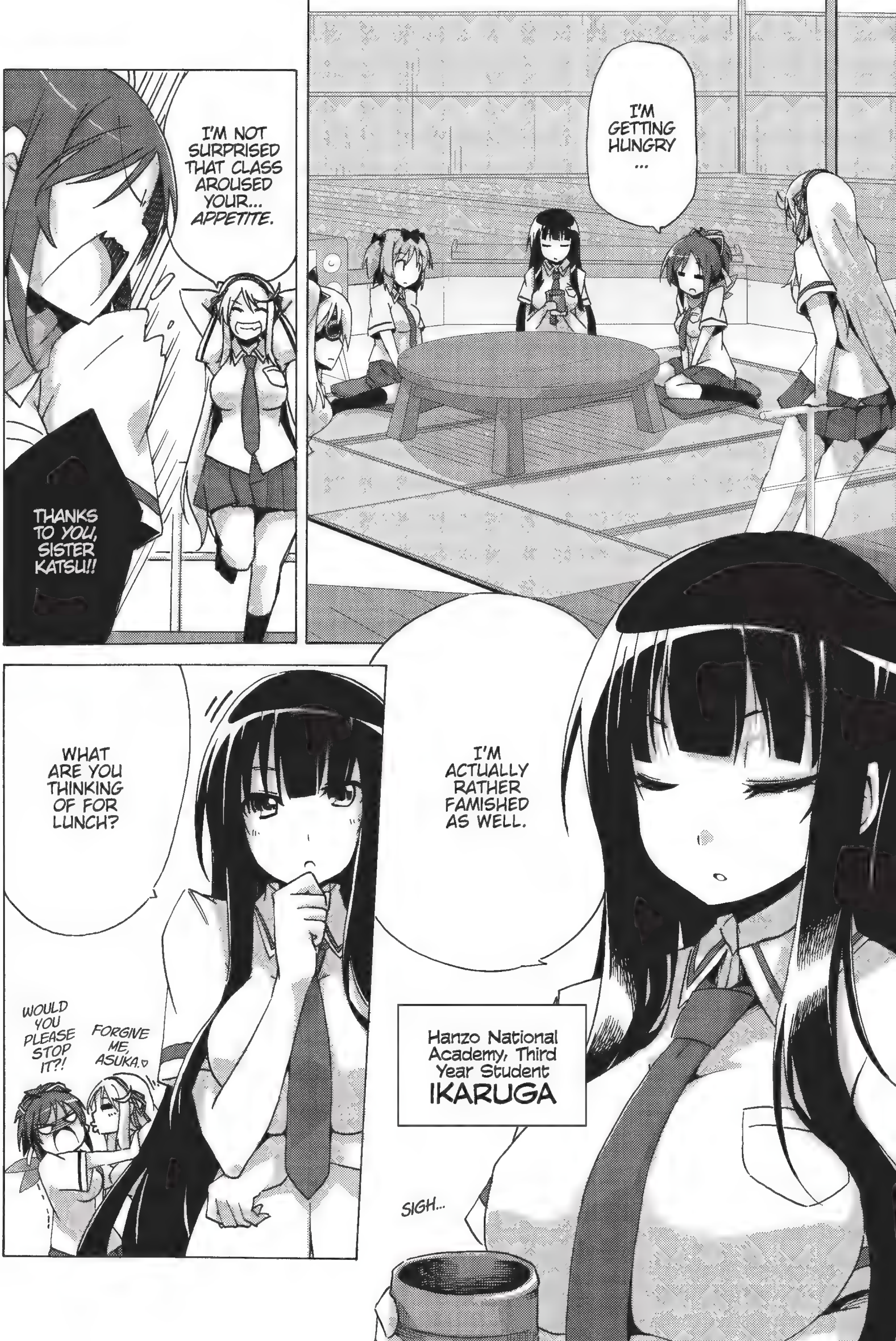
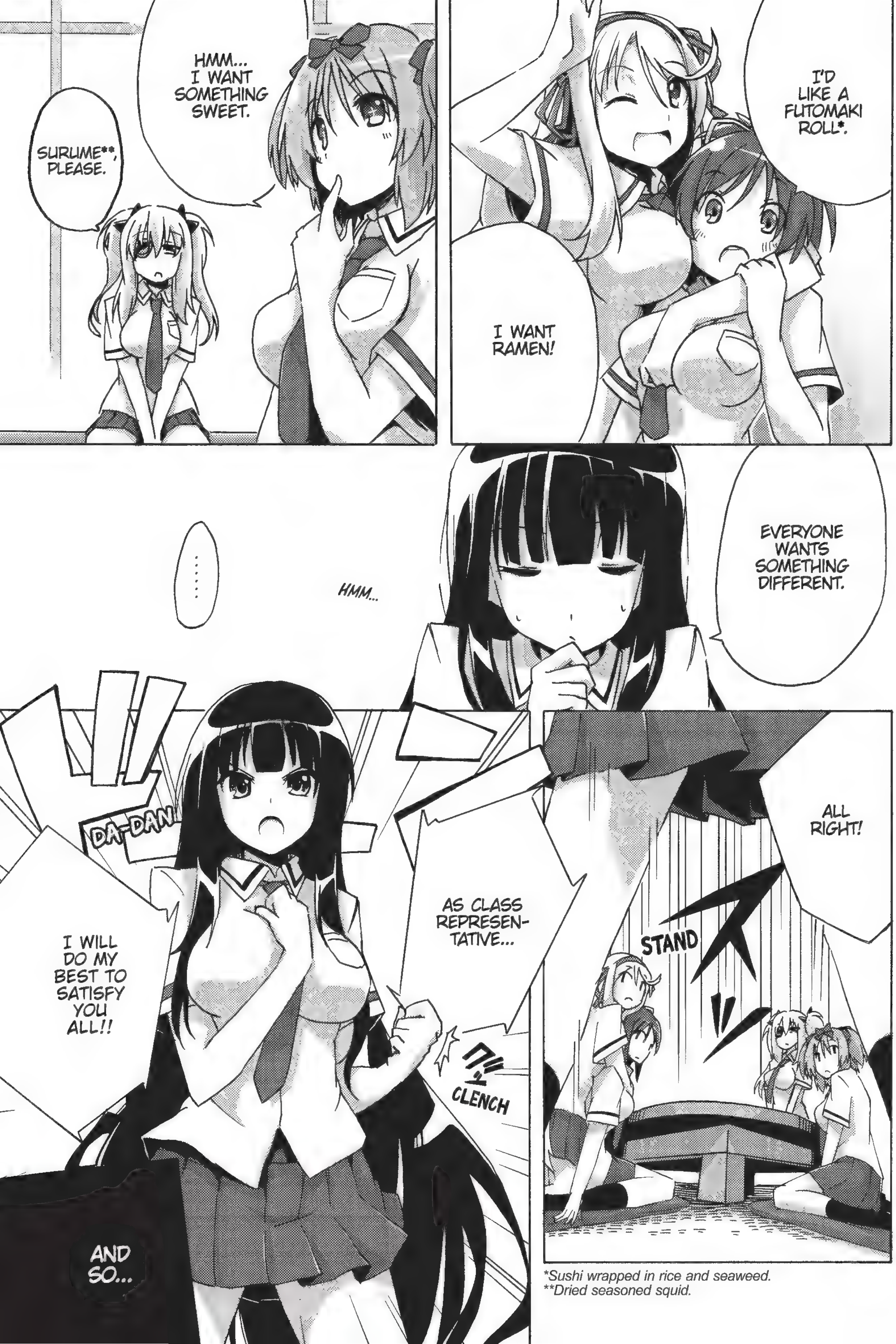
JEEZ...
POMF
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY-- CLASS DISMISSED.


THANK YOU, MASTER!!
YES, THANK YOU.

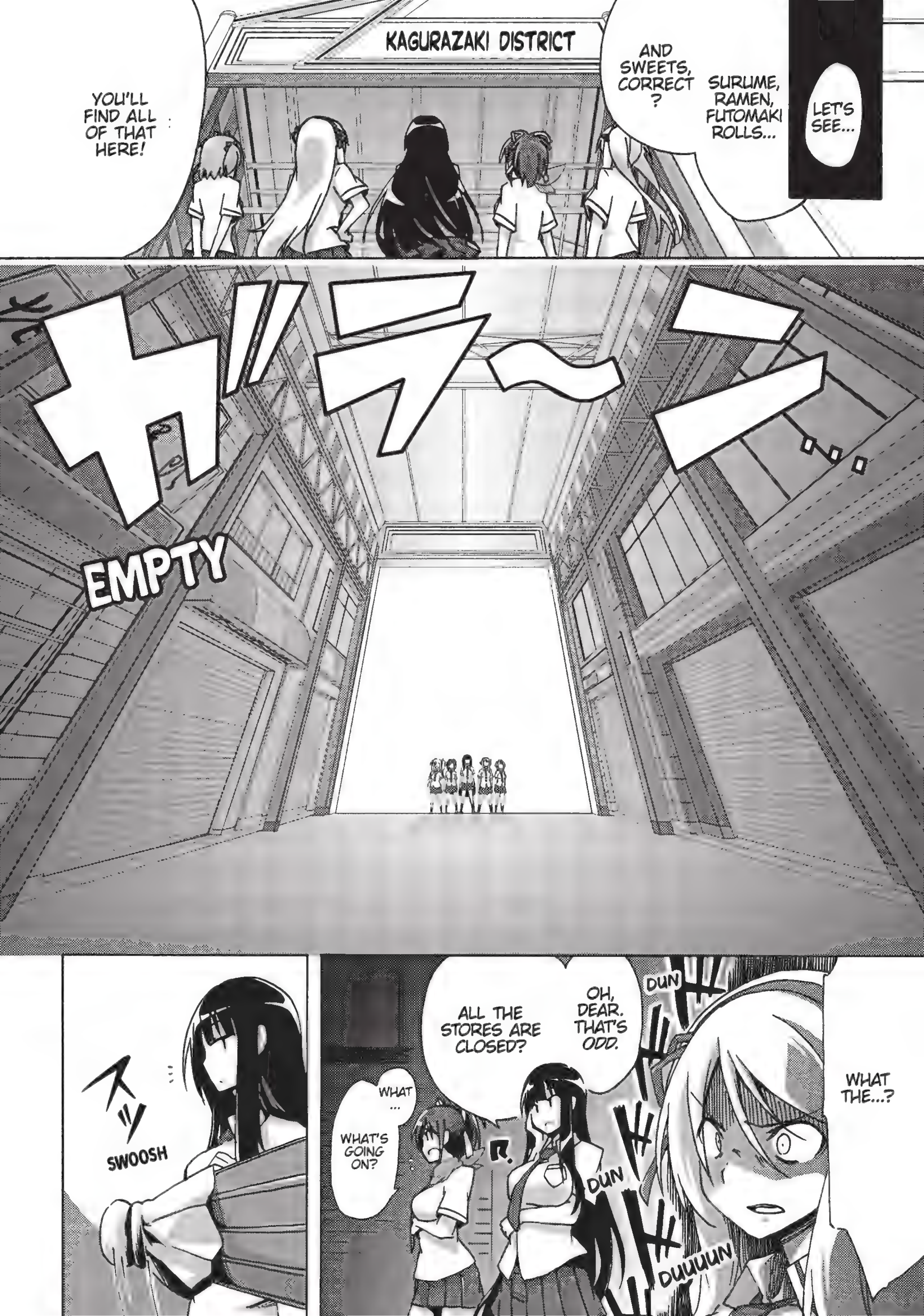

PHEW...

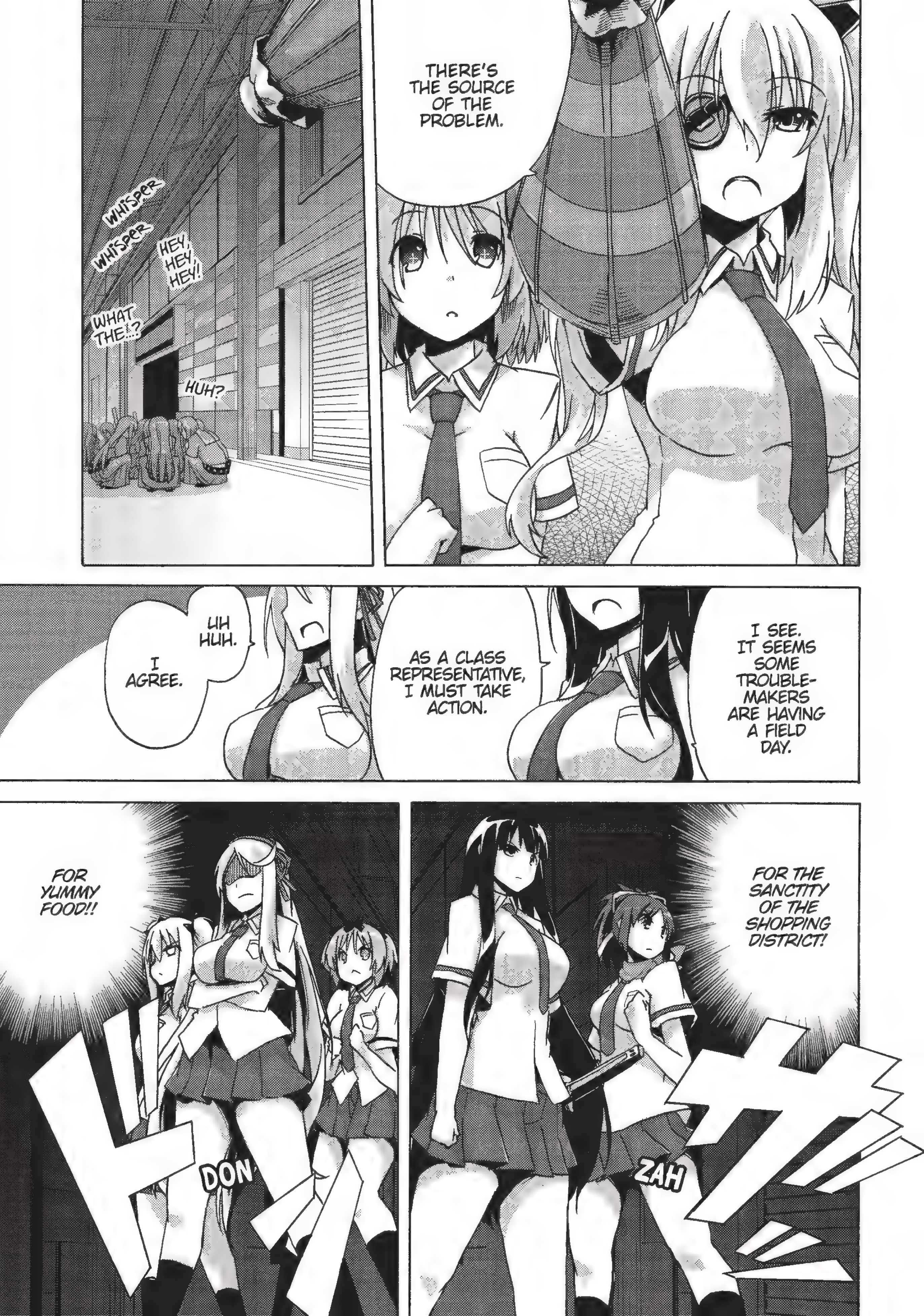

I'M GETTING HUNGRY ...
I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT CLASS AROUSED YOUR... *APPETITE*.
THANKS TO *YOU*, SISTER KATSU!!
I'M ACTUALLY RATHER FAMISHED AS WELL.
Hanzo National Academy, Third Year Student IKARUGA
SIGH...
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF FOR LUNCH?
FORGIVE ME, ASUKA.♡
WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP IT?!

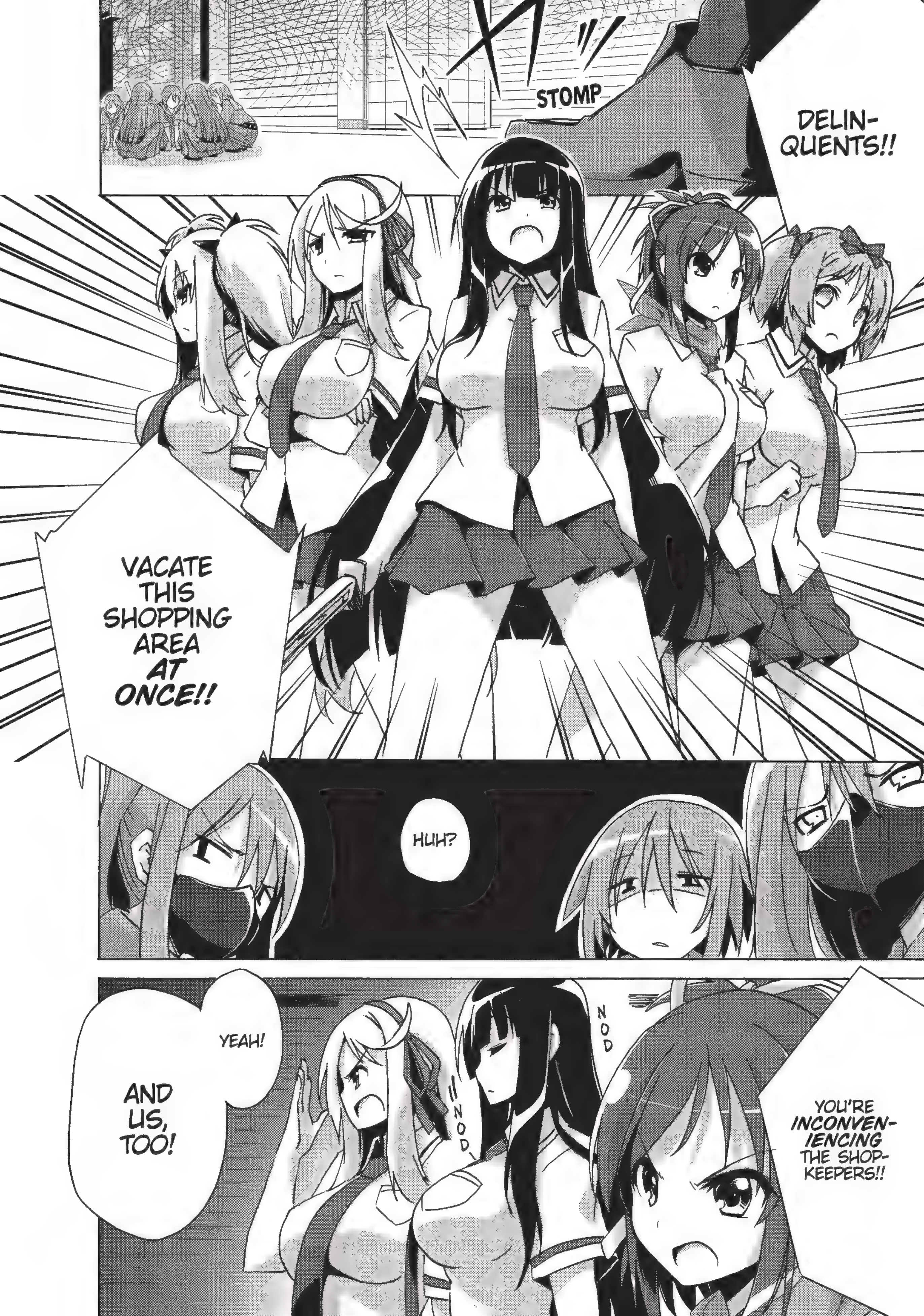

I'D LIKE A FUTOMAKI ROLL*.
I WANT RAMEN!
HMM... I WANT SOMETHING SWEET.
SURUME**, PLEASE.
EVERYONE WANTS SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
HMM...
......
ALL RIGHT!
STAND
AS CLASS REPRESENTATIVE...
I WILL DO MY BEST TO SATISFY YOU ALL!!
DA-DAN
CLENCH
AND SO...

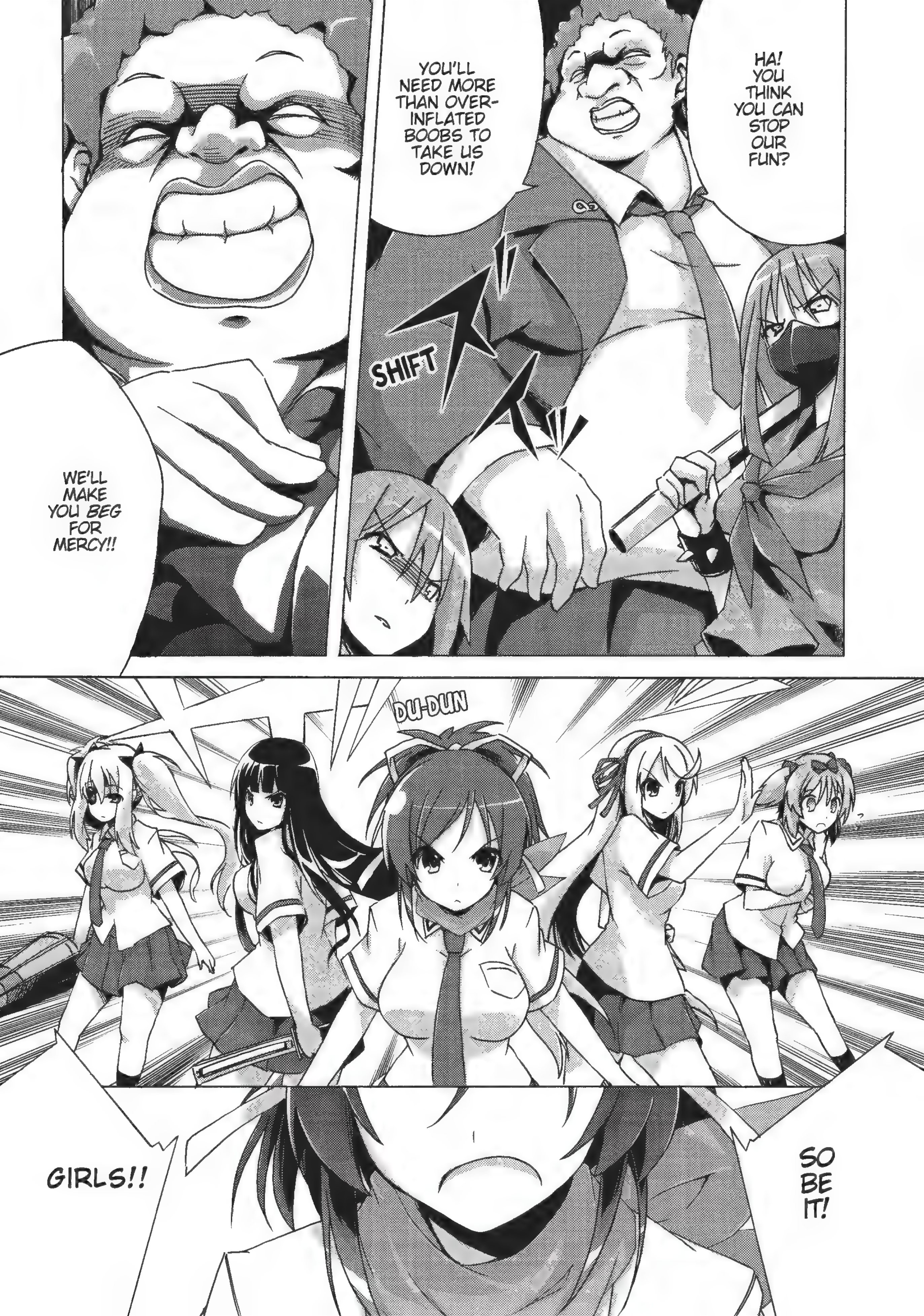
**Sushi wrapped in rice and seaweed.*

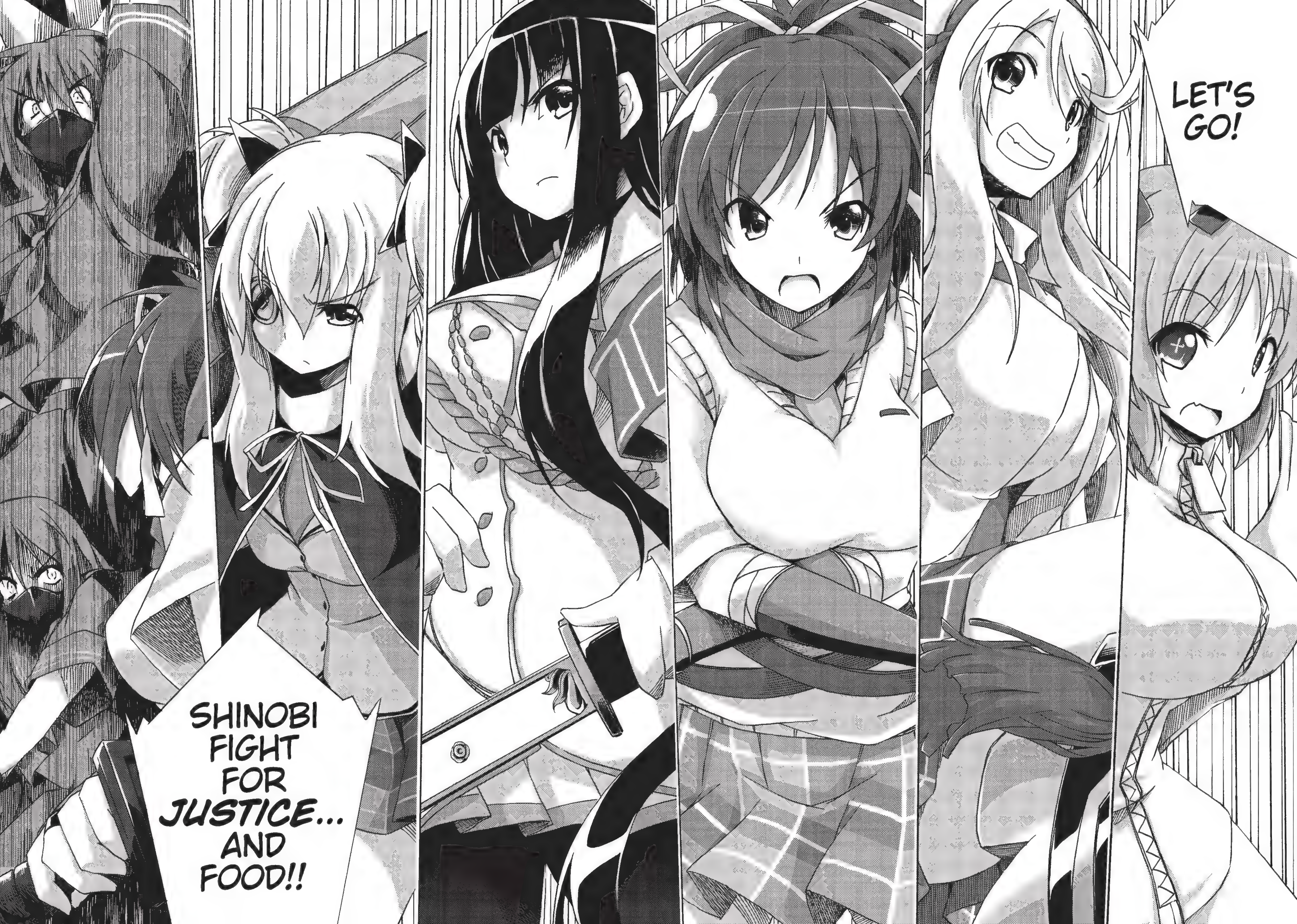
***Dried seasoned squid.*

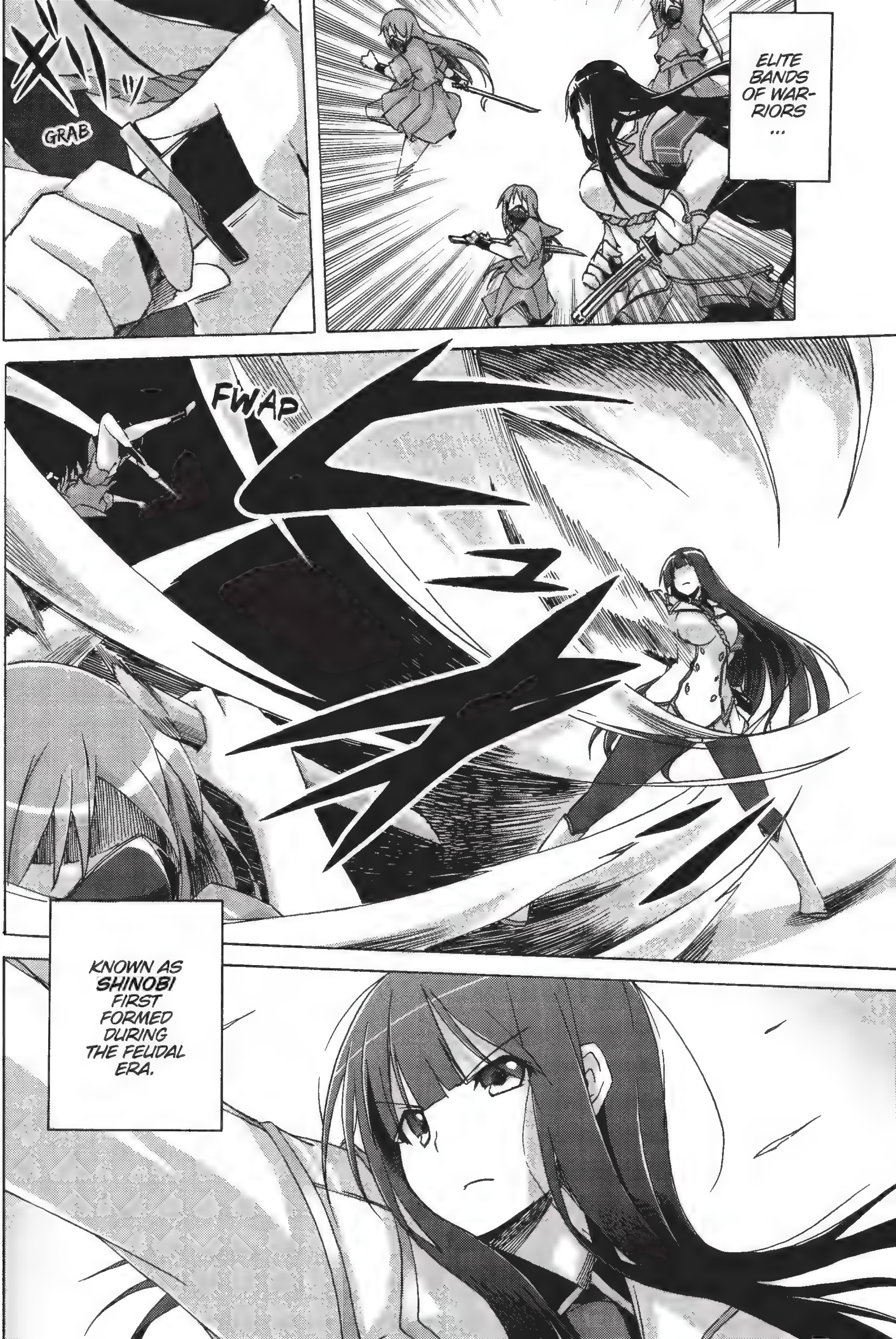

KAGURAZAKI DISTRICT
LET'S SEE...
SURUME, RAMEN, FUTOMAKI ROLLS...
AND SWEETS, CORRECT?
YOU'LL FIND ALL OF THAT HERE!
ガラ～ン...
EMPTY
WHAT THE...?
DUN
DUN
DUUUUN
OH, DEAR. THAT'S ODD.
ALL THE STORES ARE CLOSED?
!?
WHAT ... WHAT'S GOING ON?
...
スッ
SWOOSH


THERE'S THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM.
WHISPER
WHISPER
HEY, HEY, HEY!
WHAT THE!?
HUH?
I SEE. IT SEEMS SOME TROUBLE-MAKERS ARE HAVING A FIELD DAY.
AS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, I MUST TAKE ACTION.
UH HUH.
I AGREE.
FOR THE SANCTITY OF THE SHOPPING DISTRICT!
ZAH
FOR YUMMY FOOD!!
DON


STOMP
DELIN-QUENTS!!
VACATE THIS SHOPPING AREA AT ONCE!!
HUH?
YOU'RE INCONVENIENCING THE SHOPKEEPERS!!
NOD
NOD
YEAH!
AND US, TOO!


HA! YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP OUR FUN?
YOU'LL NEED MORE THAN OVER-INFLATED BOOBS TO TAKE US DOWN!
SHIFT
WE'LL MAKE YOU *BEG* FOR MERCY!!
DU-DUN
SO BE IT!
GIRLS!!


LET'S GO!
SHINOBI FIGHT FOR *JUSTICE...* AND FOOD!!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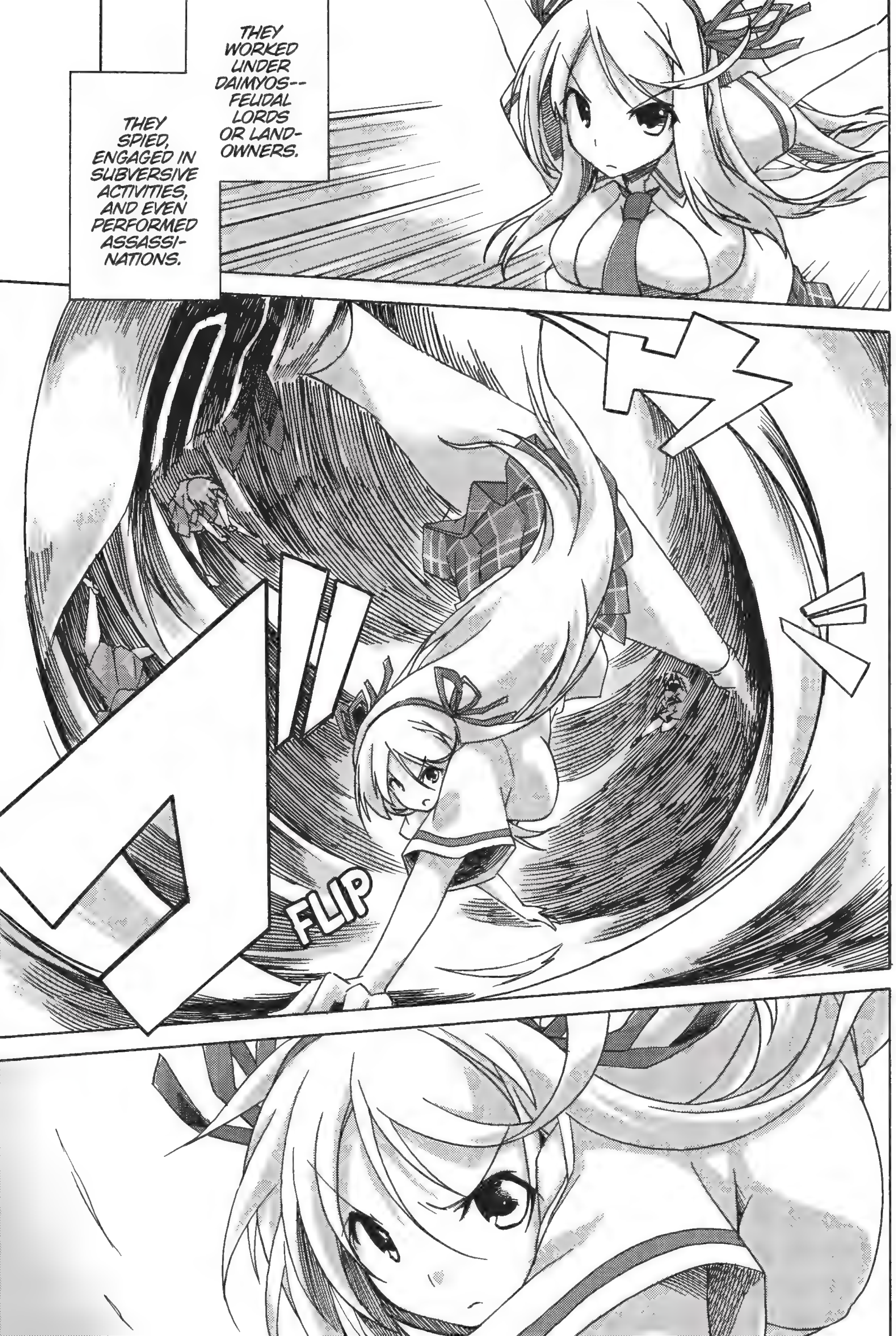
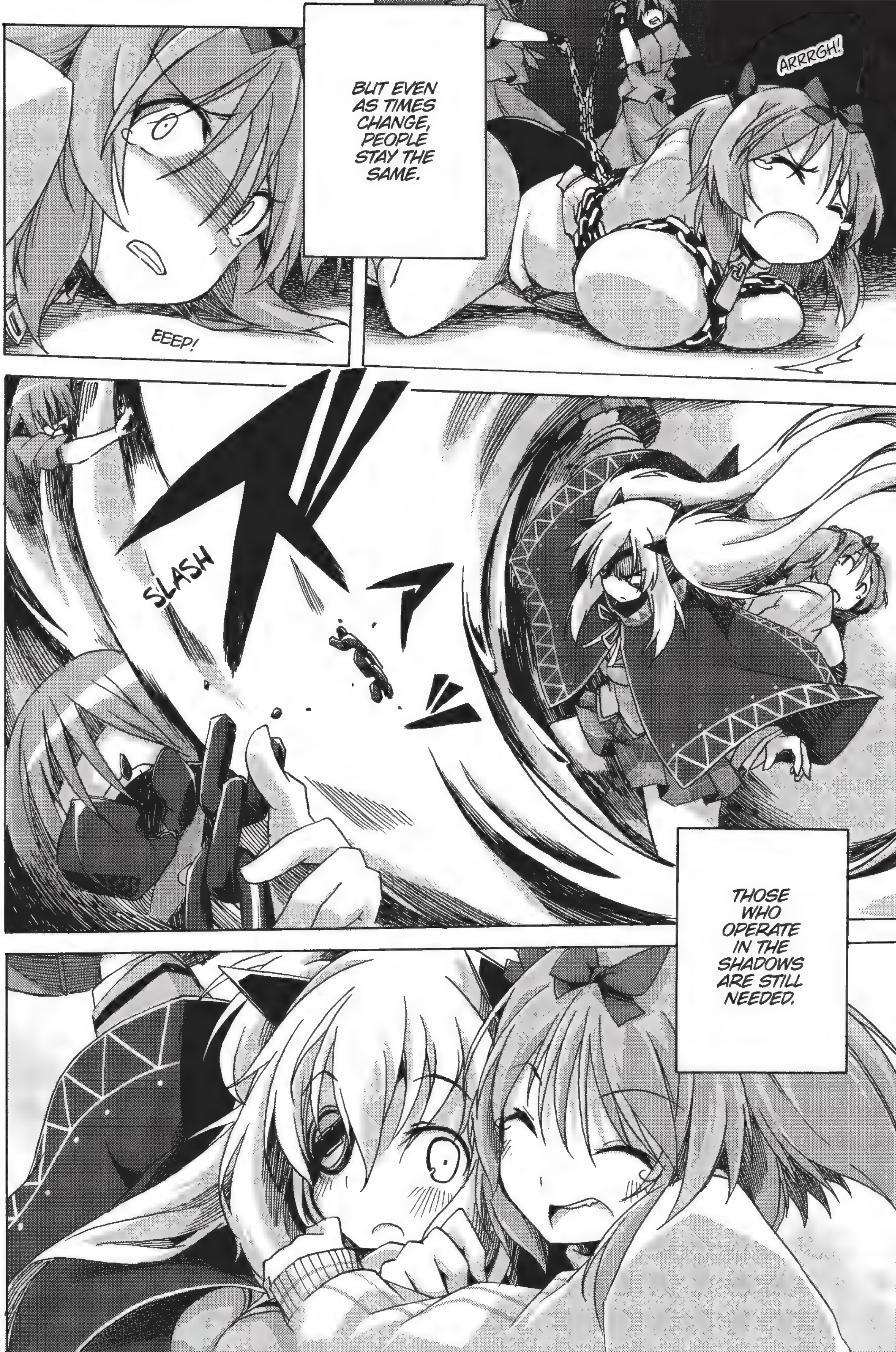
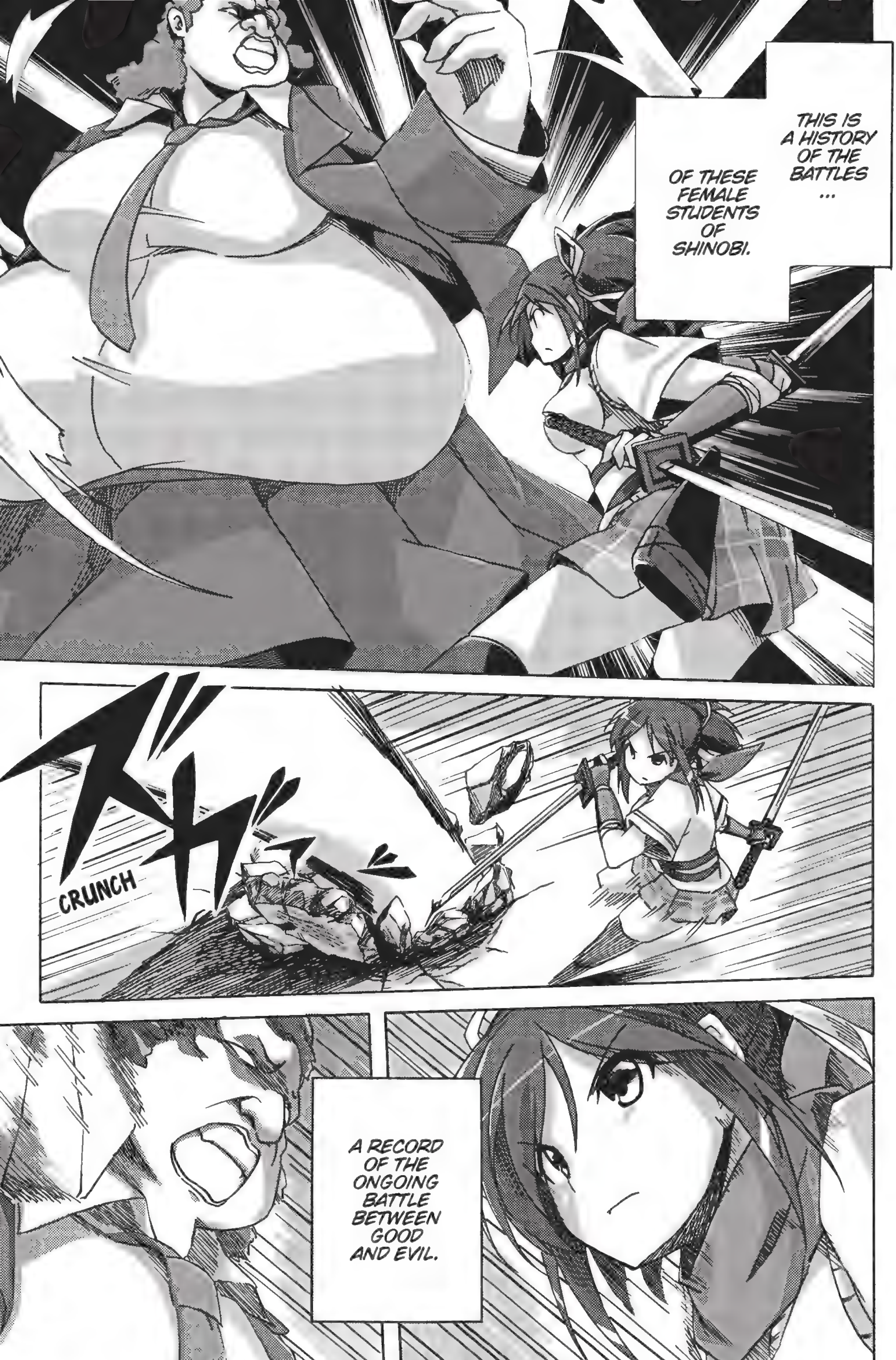
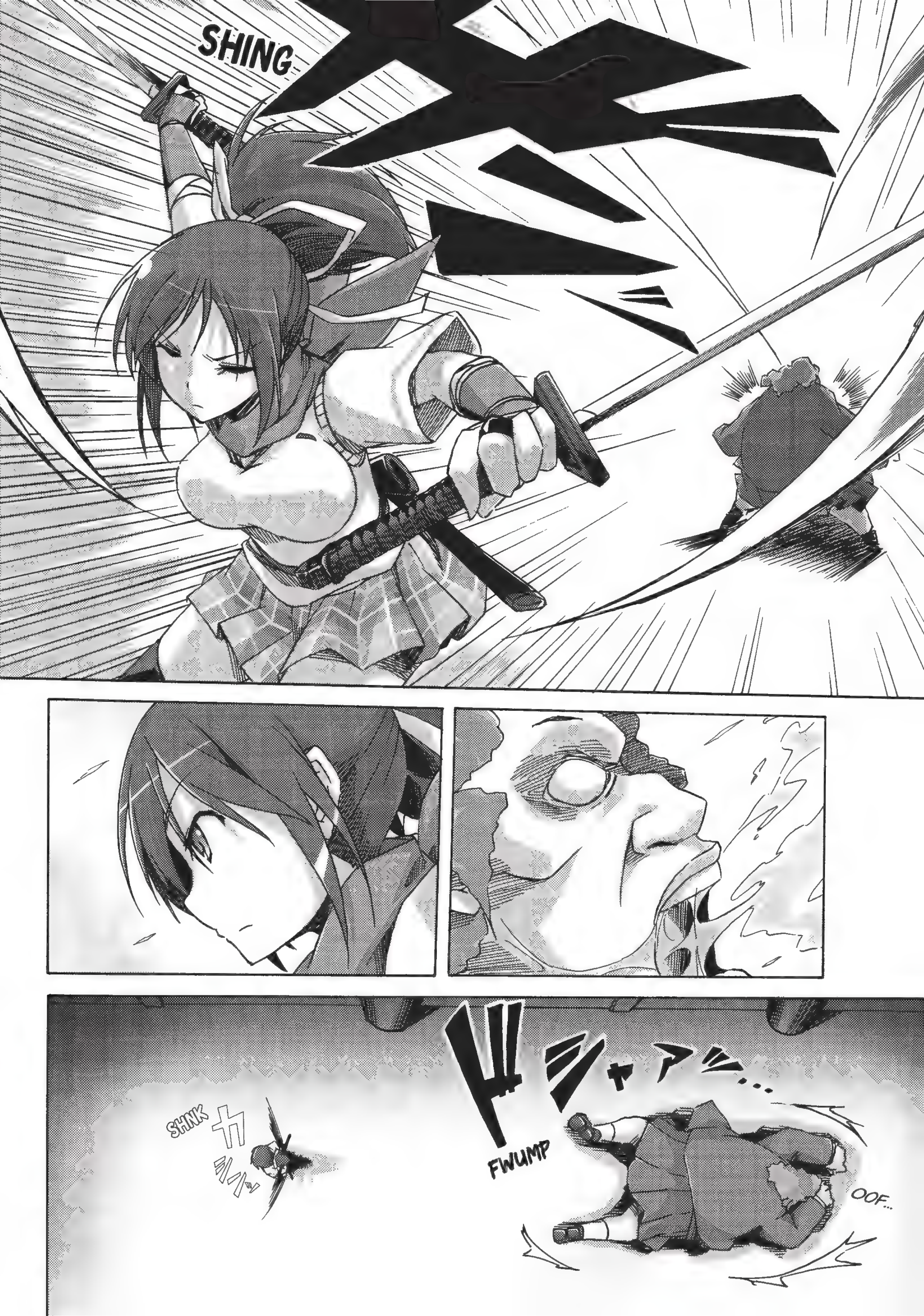
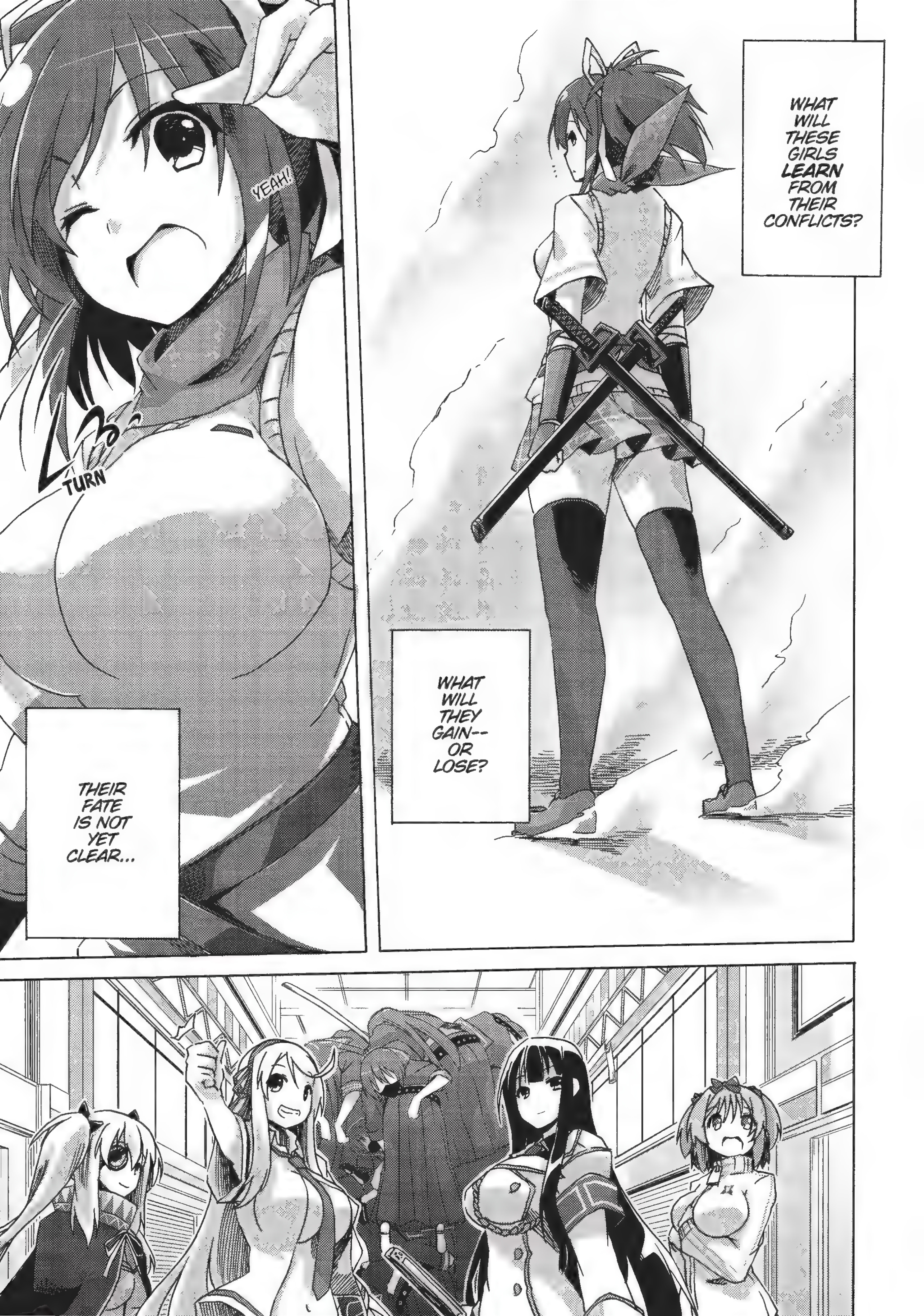
GRAB
FWAP
KNOWN AS **SHINOBI** FIRST FORMED DURING THE FEUDAL ERA.

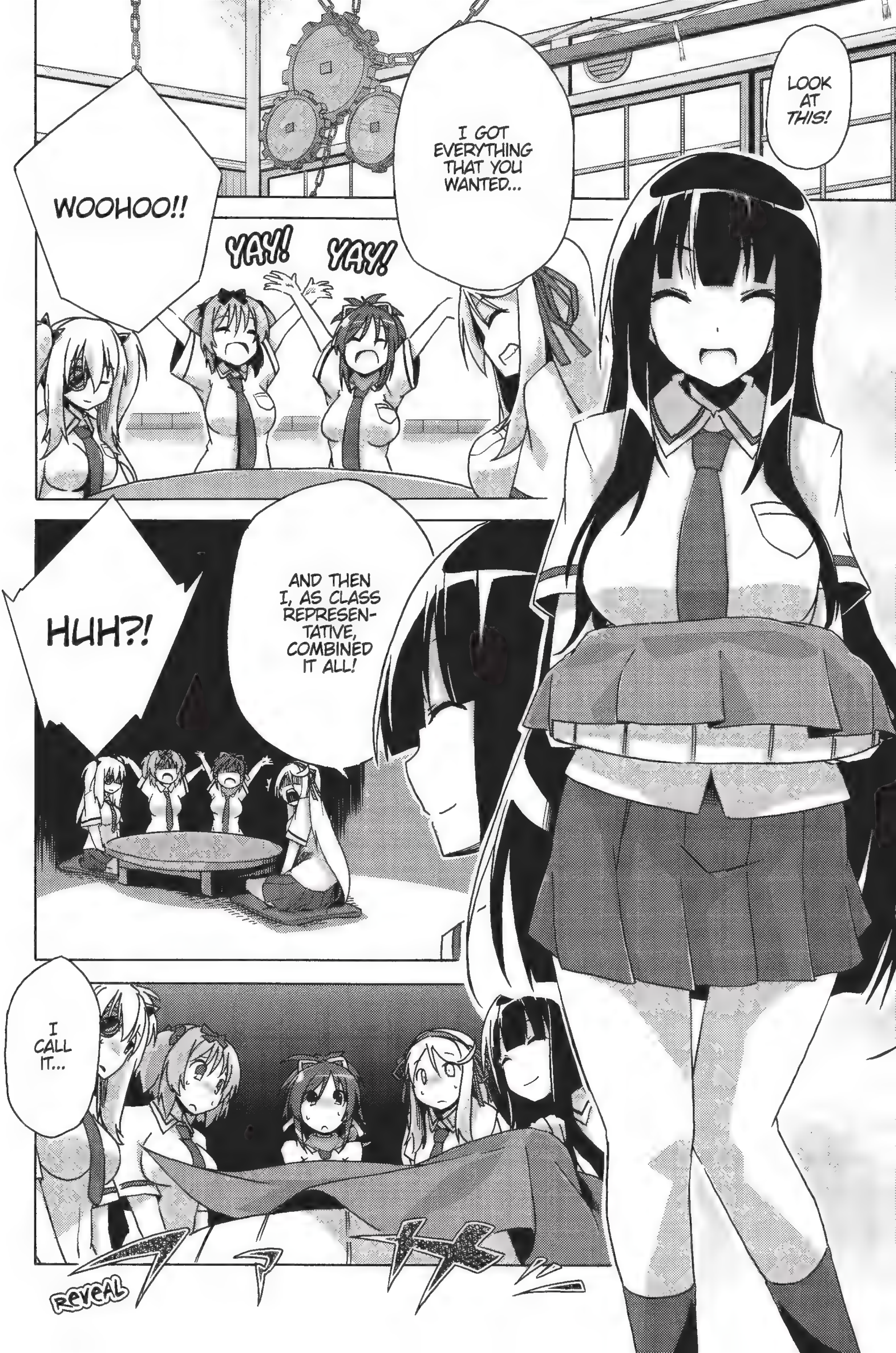

THEY WORKED UNDER DAIMYOS--FEUDAL LORDS OR LANDOWNERS.
THEY SPIED, ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, AND EVEN PERFORMED ASSASSINATIONS.
FLIP

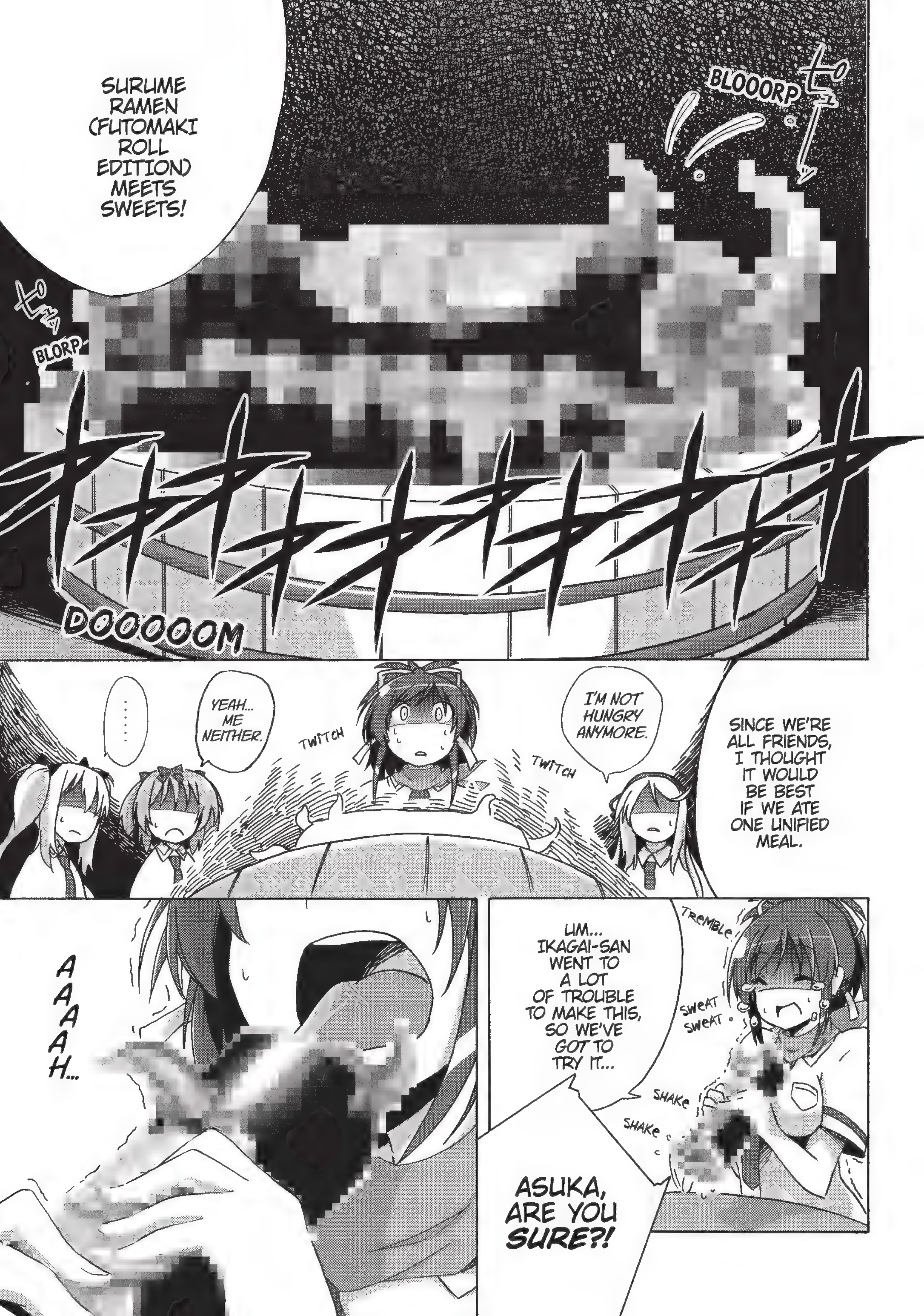

ARRRGH!
BUT EVEN AS TIMES CHANGE, PEOPLE STAY THE SAME.
EEEP!
SLASH
THOSE WHO OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS ARE STILL NEEDED.

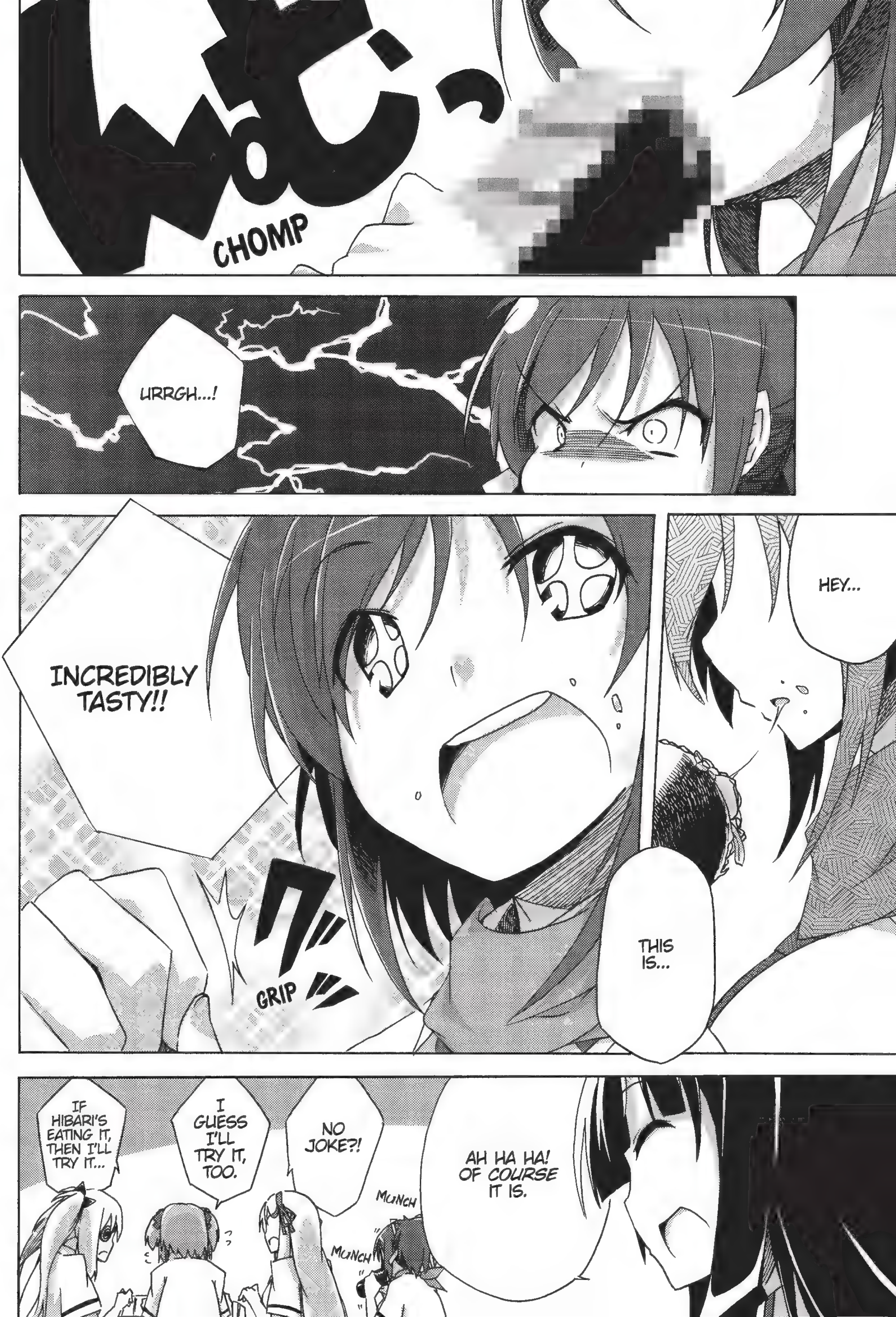

THIS IS A HISTORY OF THE BATTLES ...
OF THESE FEMALE STUDENTS OF SHINOBI.
CRUNCH
A RECORD OF THE ONGOING BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.

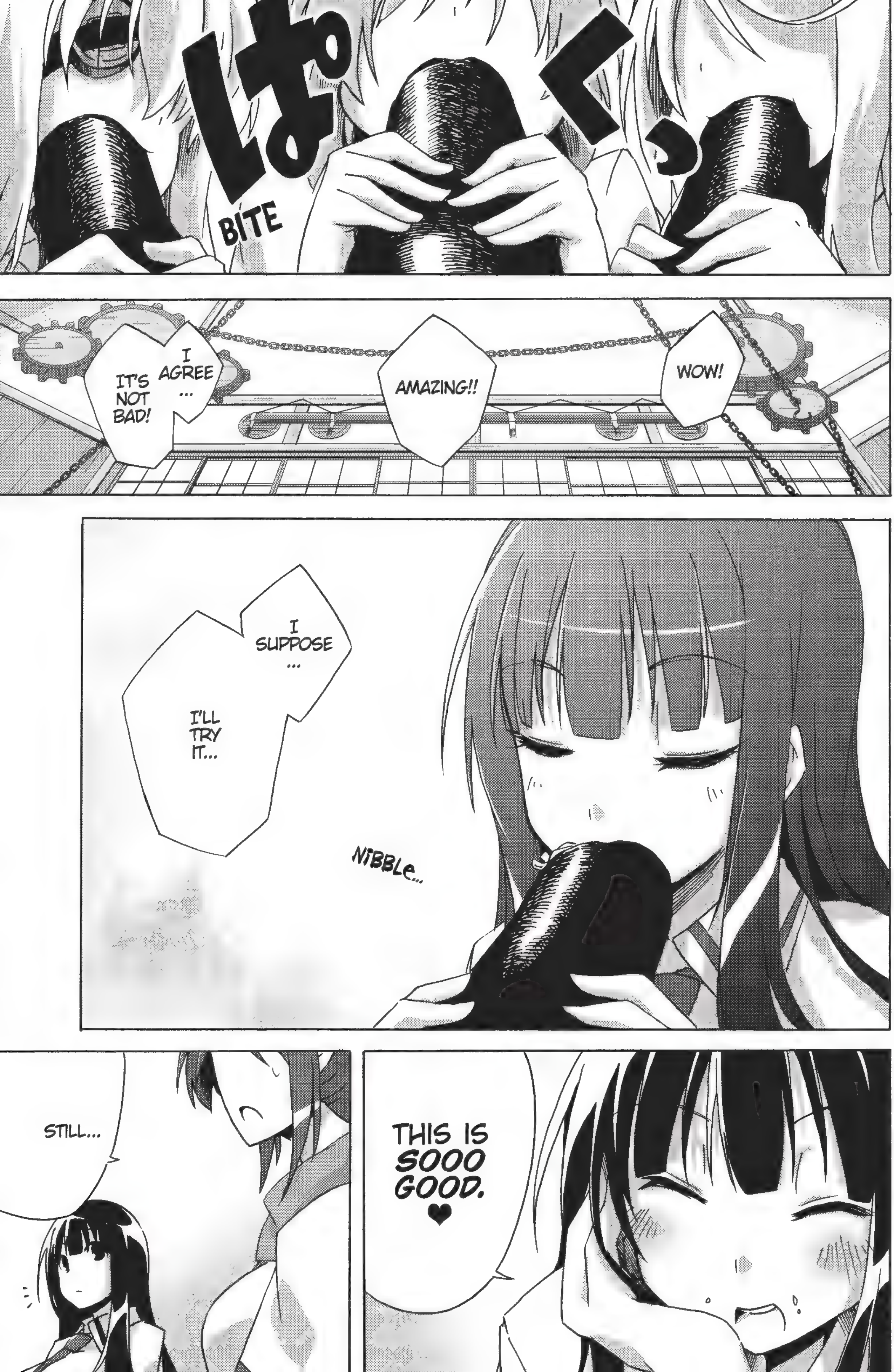

SHING
OOF...
ドシャアッ...
FWUMP
カシャッ
SHNK

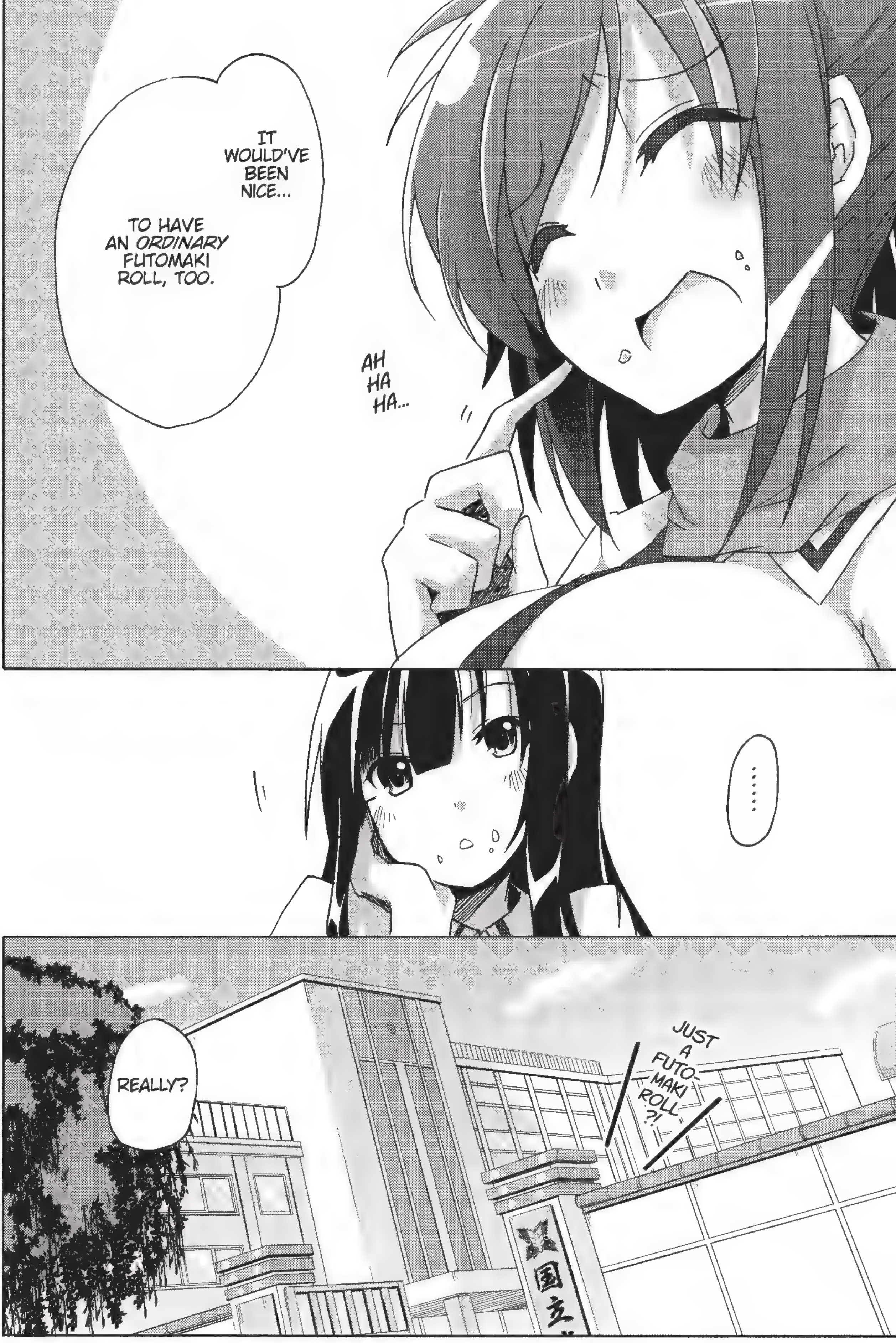

WHAT WILL THESE GIRLS **LEARN** FROM THEIR CONFLICTS?
WHAT WILL THEY GAIN-- OR LOSE?
YEAH!
TURN
THEIR FATE IS NOT YET CLEAR...


LOOK AT THIS!
I GOT EVERYTHING THAT YOU WANTED...
YAY!
YAY!
WOOHOO!!
AND THEN I, AS CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, COMBINED IT ALL!
HUH?!
I CALL IT...
reveal

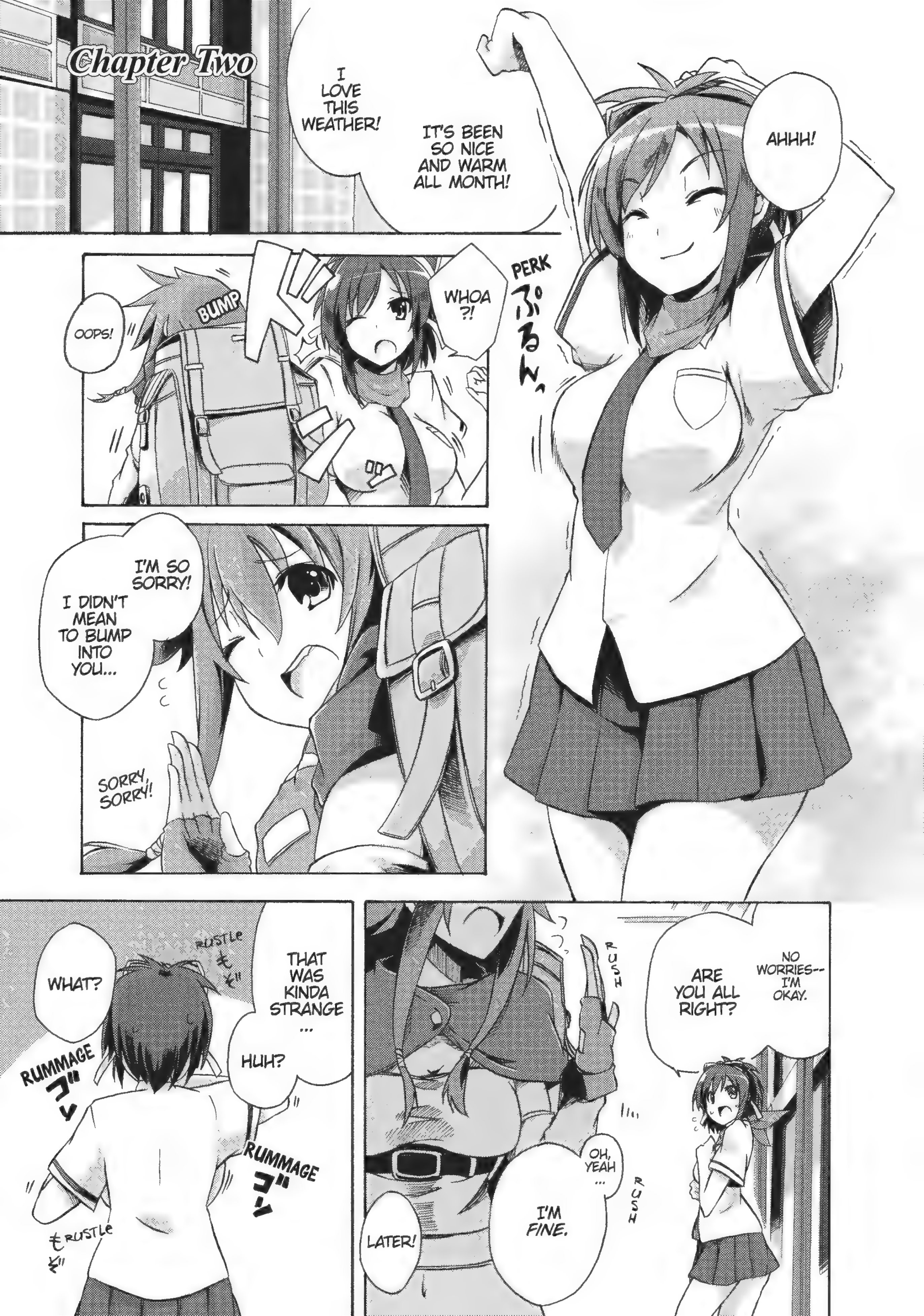

BLOOORP
SURUME RAMEN (FUTOMAKI ROLL EDITION) MEETS SWEETS!
BLORP
DOOOOOOM
SINCE WE'RE ALL FRIENDS, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE ATE ONE UNIFIED MEAL.
I'M NOT HUNGRY ANYMORE.
TWITCH
TWITCH
YEAH... ME NEITHER.
......
TREMBLE
UM... IKAGAI-SAN WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO MAKE THIS, SO WE'VE GOT TO TRY IT...
SWEAT SWEAT
SHAKE
SHAKE
ASUKA, ARE YOU SURE?!
AAAAAH...

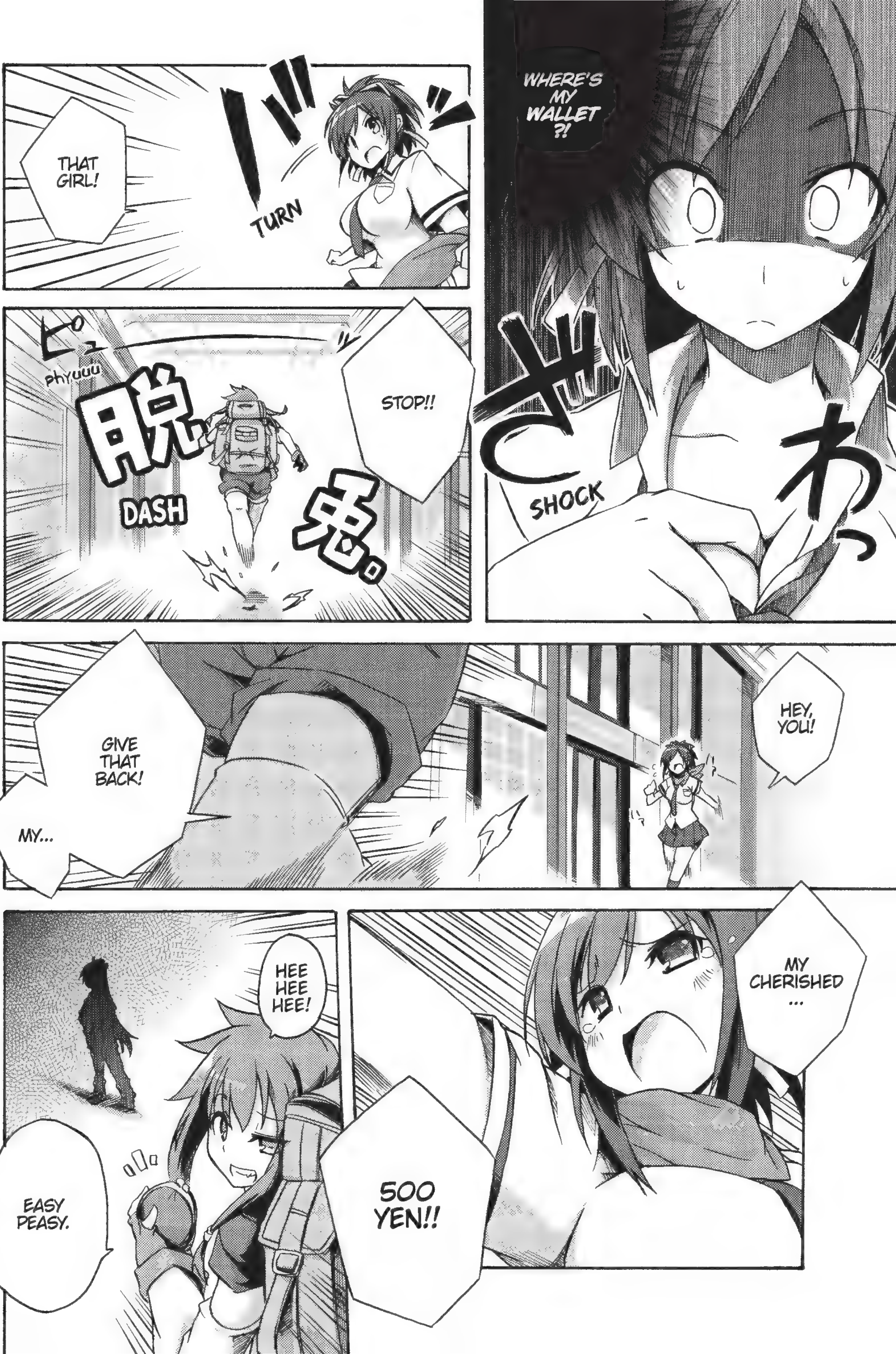

CHOMP
URRGH...!
HEY...
THIS IS...
INCREDIBLY TASTY!!
GRIP
AH HA HA! OF COURSE IT IS.
MUNCH
MUNCH
NO JOKE?!
I GUESS I'LL TRY IT, TOO.
IF HIBARI'S EATING IT, THEN I'LL TRY IT...

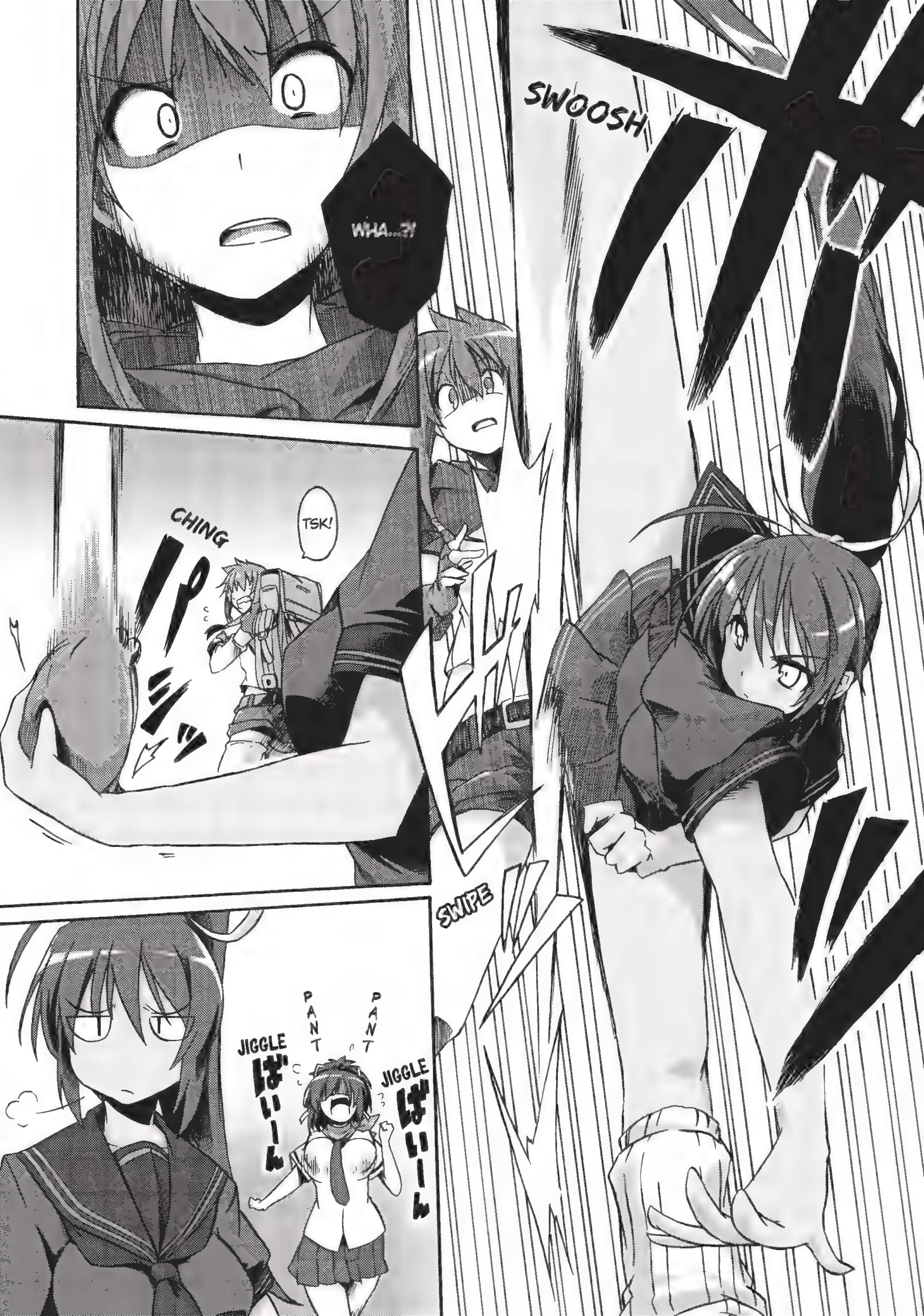

ぱく
BITE
WOW!
AMAZING!!
I AGREE...
IT'S NOT BAD!
I SUPPOSE...
I'LL TRY IT...
NIBBLE...
THIS IS SOOO GOOD. ❤
STILL...


AH HA HA...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE... TO HAVE AN *ORDINARY* FUTOMAKI ROLL, TOO.
......
JUST A FUTOMAKI ROLL?!
REALLY?
国立

Chapter Two


AHHH!
I LOVE THIS WEATHER!
IT'S BEEN SO NICE AND WARM ALL MONTH!
PERK ぷるん
WHOA ?!
BUMP
OOPS!
I'M SO SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BUMP INTO YOU...
SORRY, SORRY!
NO WORRIES-- I'M OKAY.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
RUSH
OH, YEAH ...
I'M FINE.
RUSH
LATER!
THAT WAS KINDA STRANGE ...
RUSTLE もぞ
HUH?
WHAT?
RUMMAGE ゴソ
RUMMAGE ゴソ
RUSTLE もぞ


WHERE'S MY WALLET?!
ざわっ
SHOCK
THAT GIRL!
バッ
TURN
ピュー
phyuuu
脱兎。
DASH
STOP!!
HEY, YOU!
GIVE THAT BACK!
MY...
MY CHERISHED ...
500 YEN!!
HEE HEE HEE!
EASY PEASY.


SWOOSH
SWIPE
WHA...?!
TSK!
CHING
PANT
PANT
JIGGLE
ばいーん
JIGGLE
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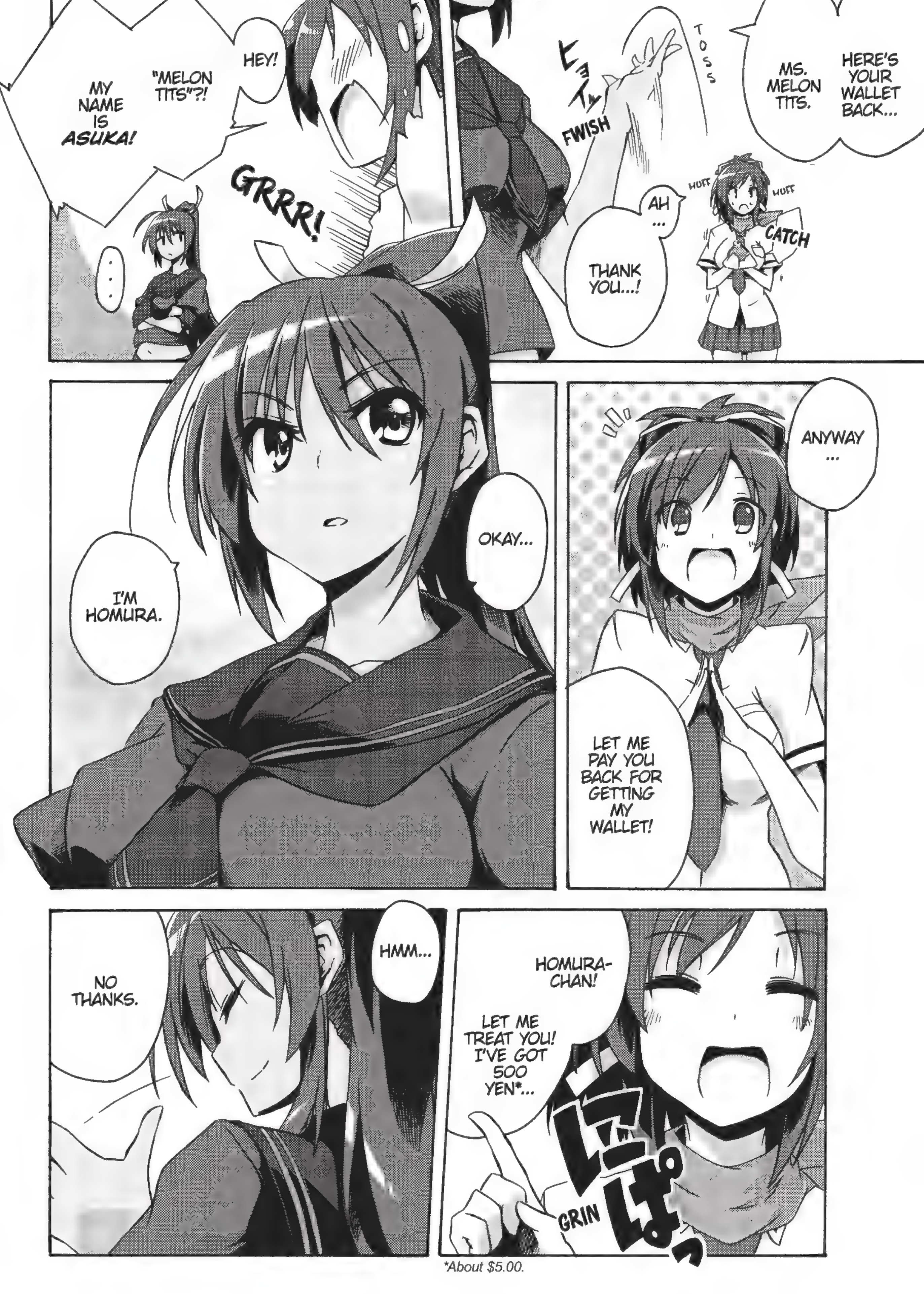
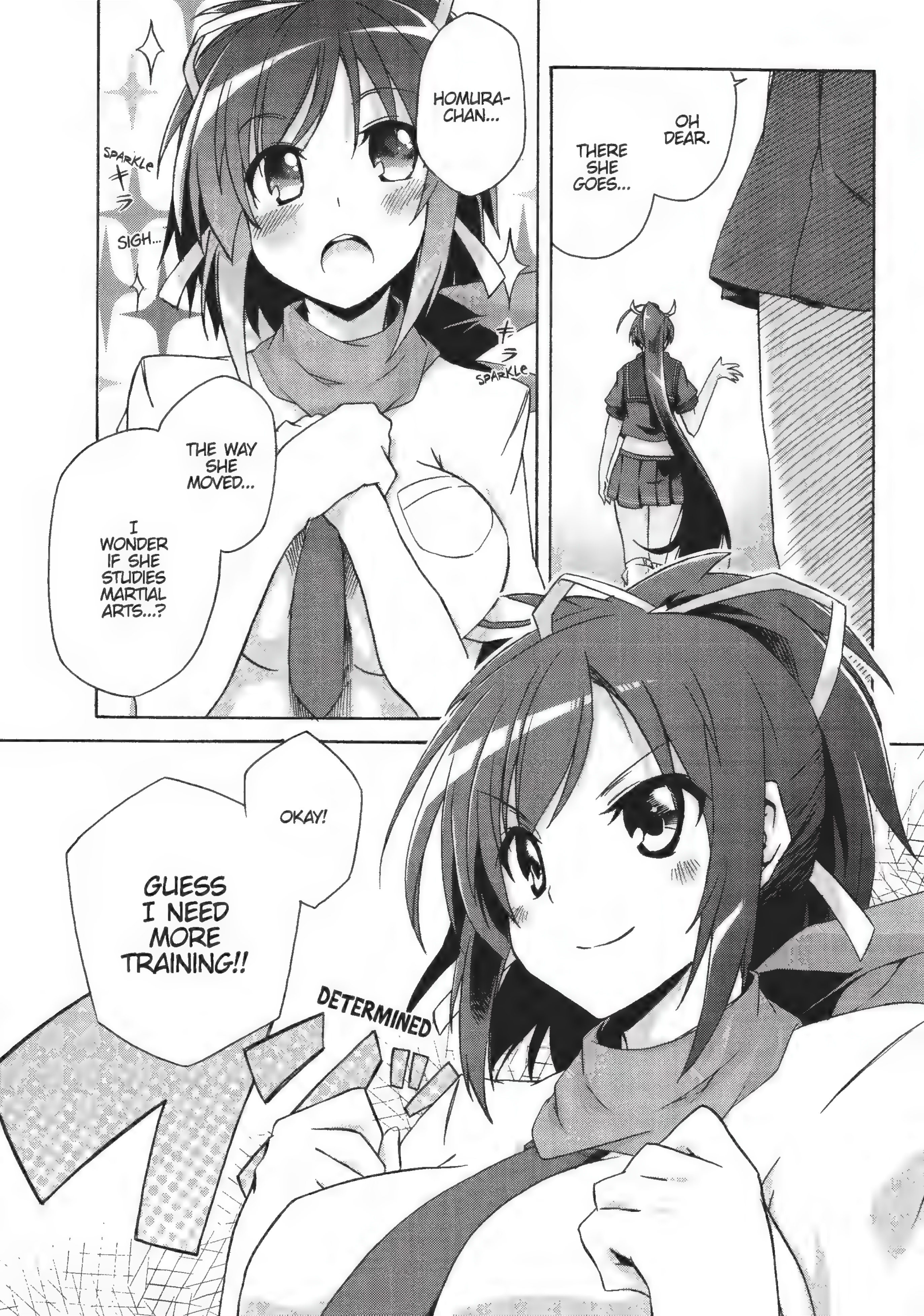
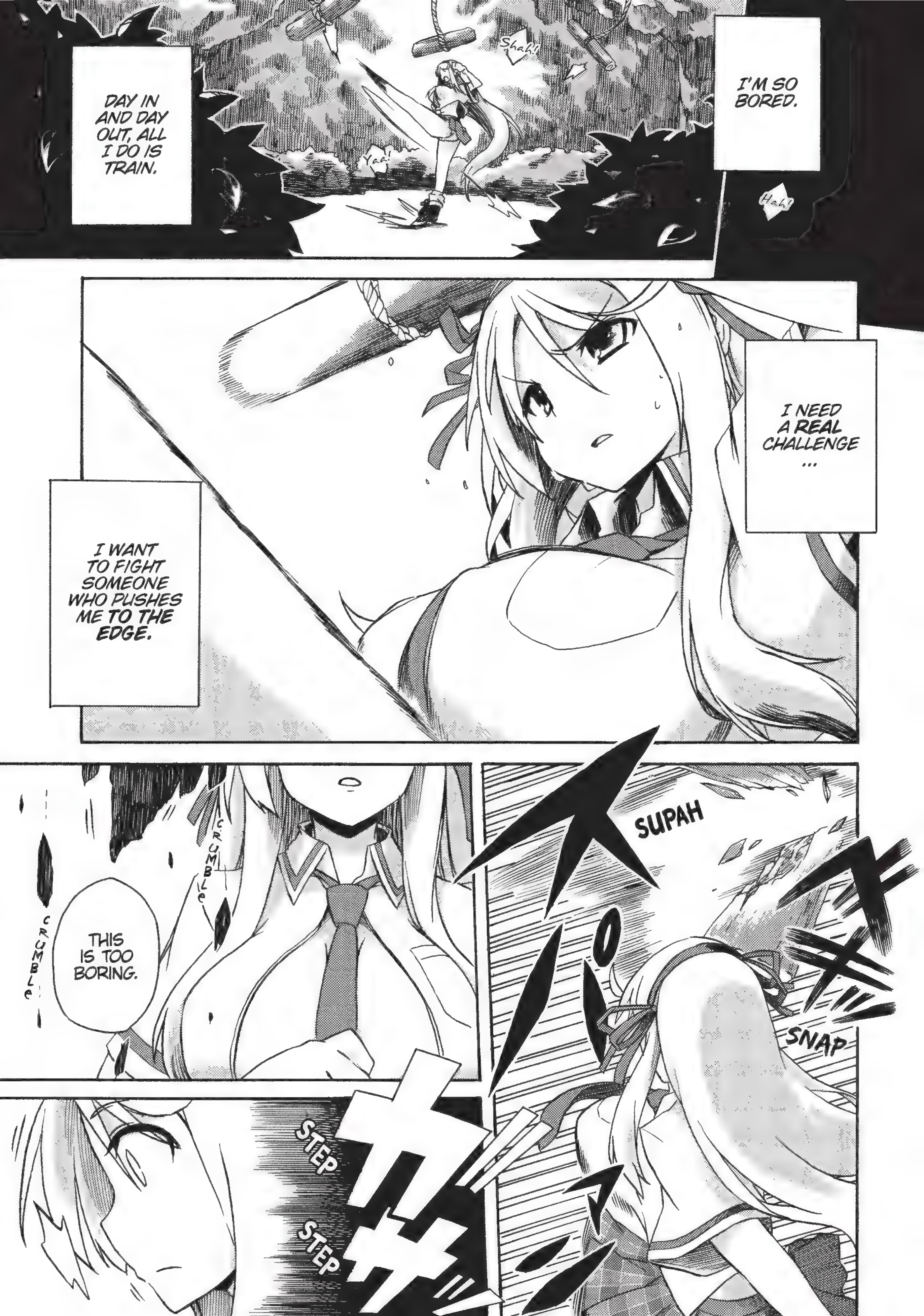
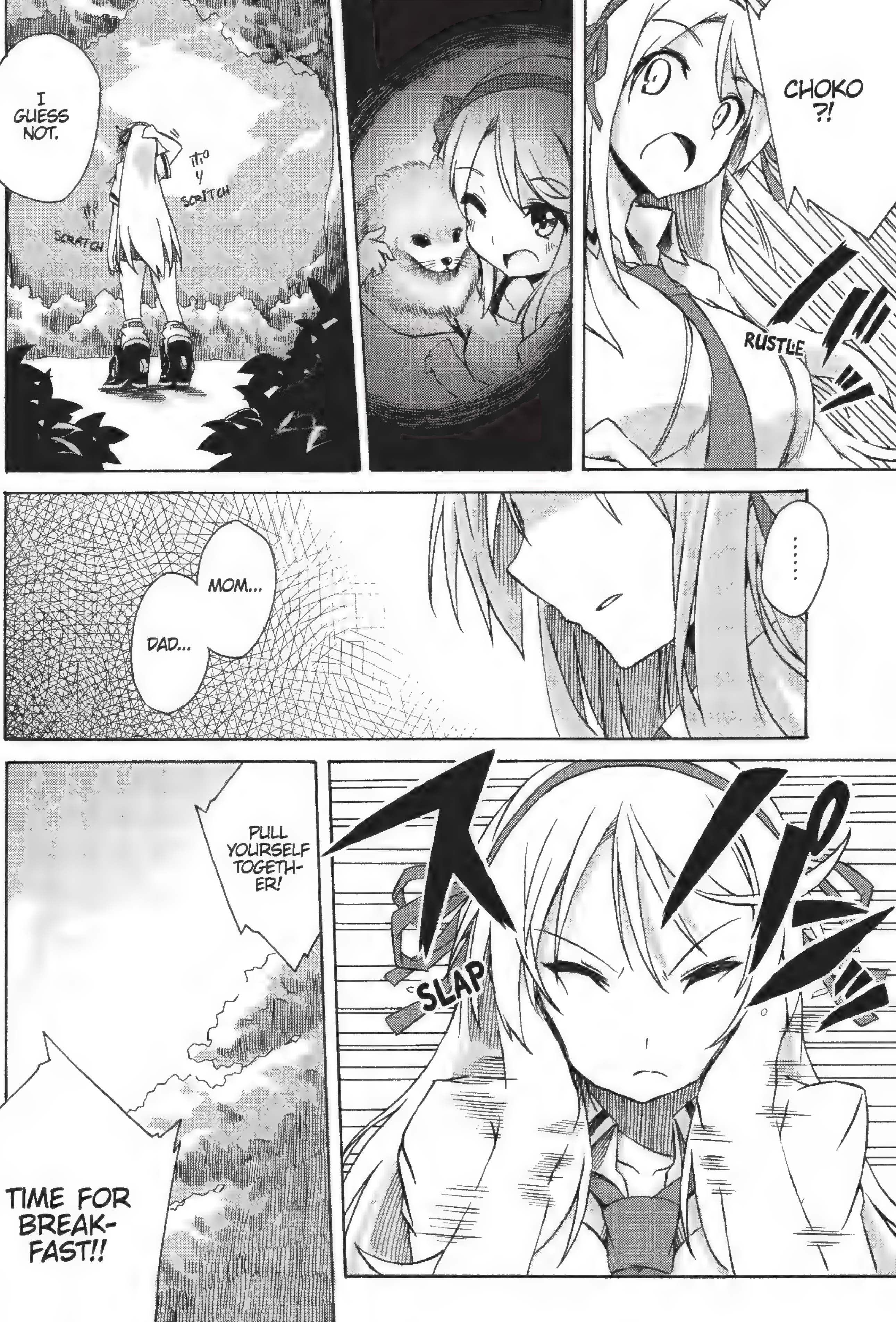
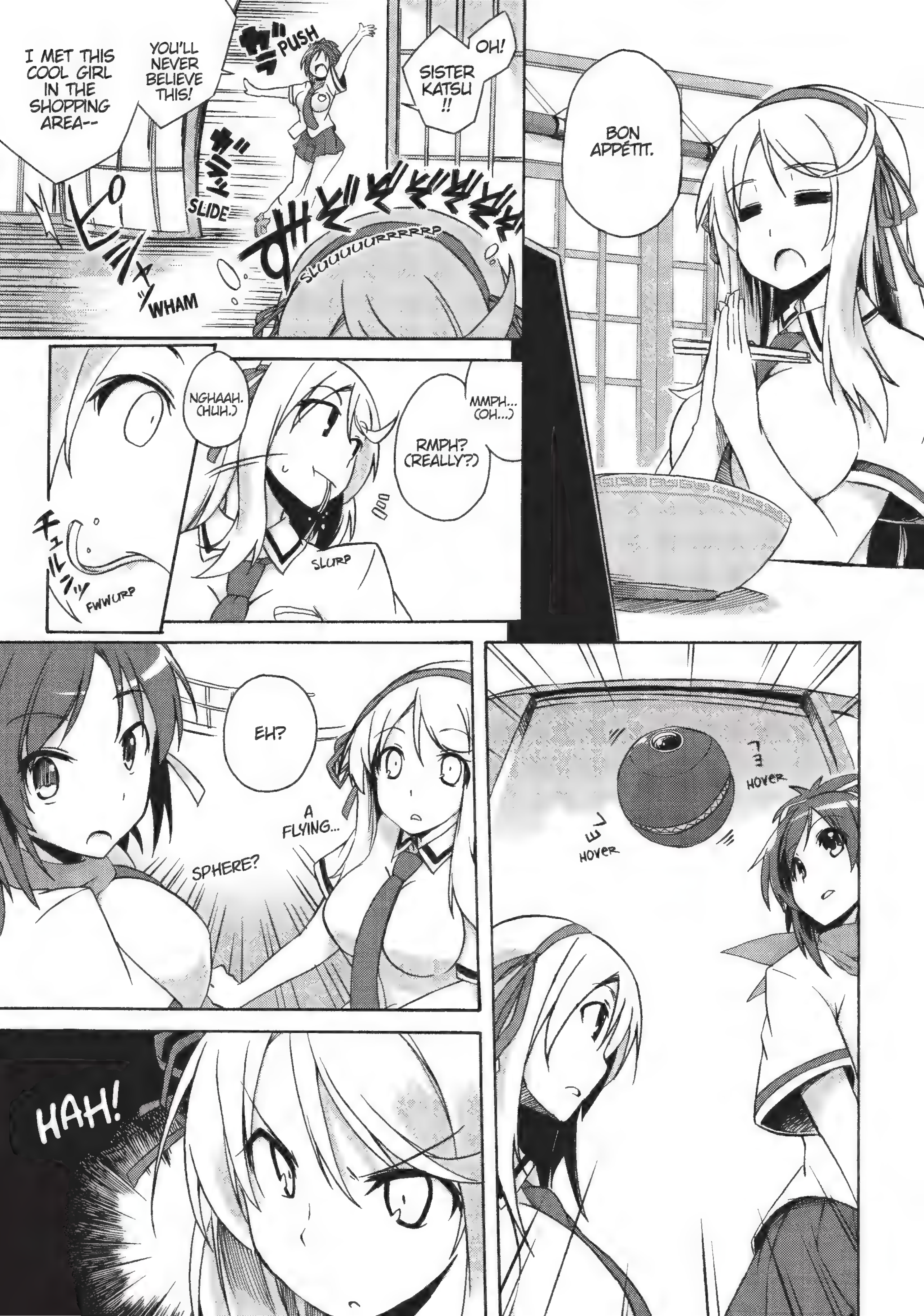

HERE'S YOUR WALLET BACK...
MS. MELON TITS.
TOSS
ヒョイッ
FWISH
HUFF
HUFF
CATCH
AH ...
THANK YOU...!
HEY!
"MELON TITS"?!
MY NAME IS ASUKA!
GRRRR!
...
ANYWAY ...
LET ME PAY YOU BACK FOR GETTING MY WALLET!
OKAY...
I'M HOMURA.
HOMURA-CHAN!
LET ME TREAT YOU! I'VE GOT 500 YEN*...
GRIN
HMM...
NO THANKS.

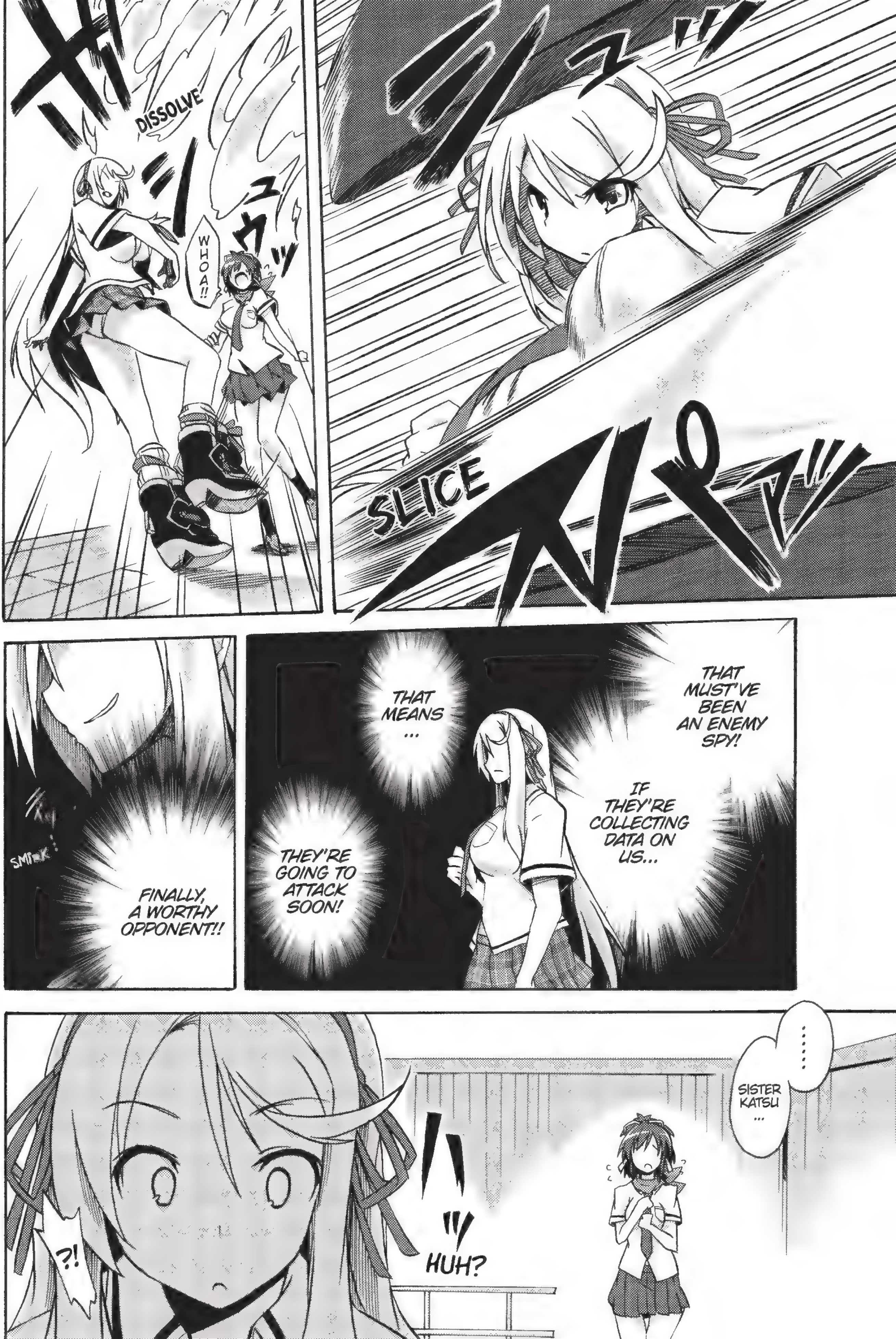
*About $5.00.

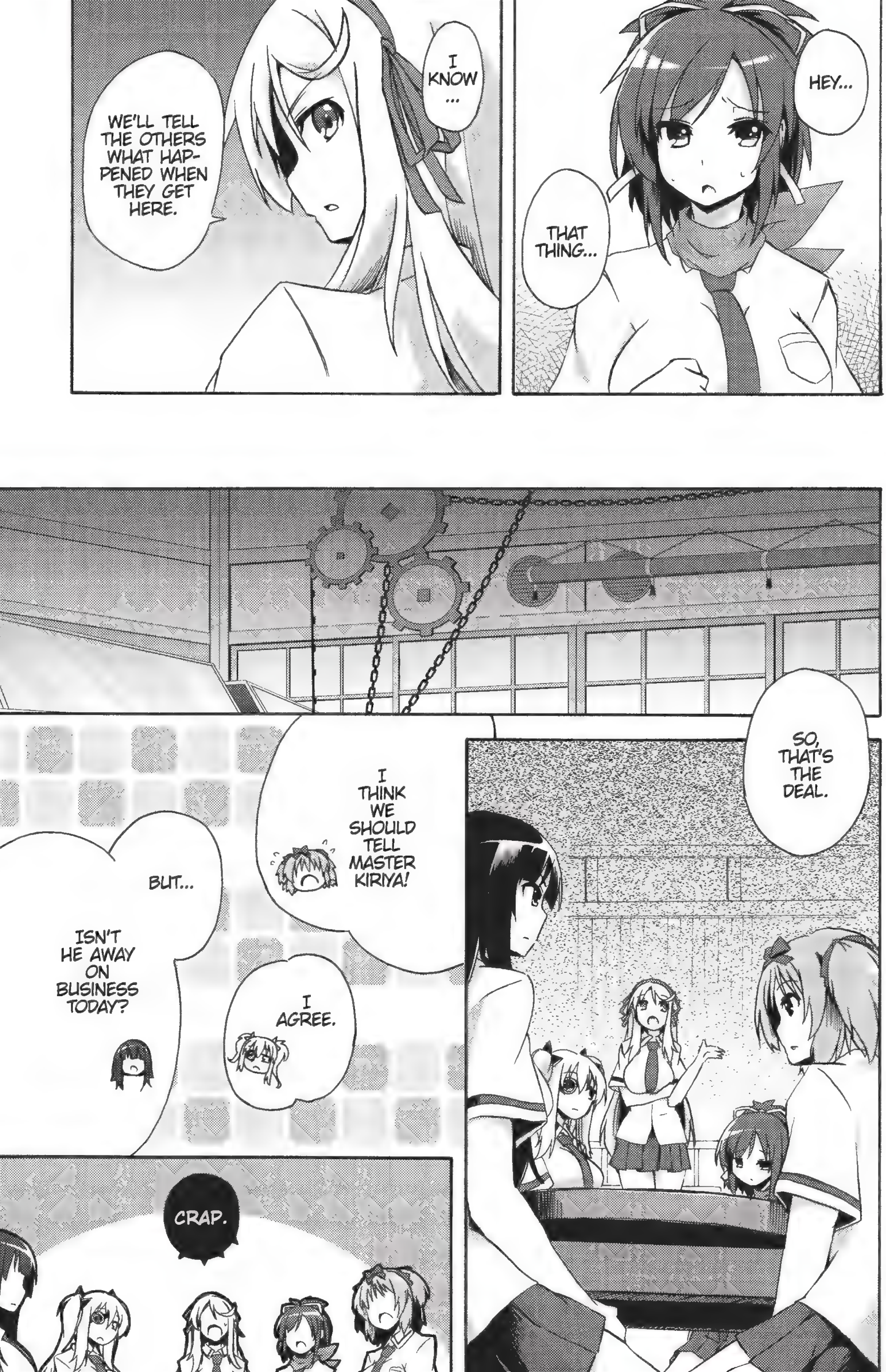

OH DEAR.
THERE SHE GOES...
HOMURA-CHAN...
キラ SPARKLE
SIGH...
キラ SPARKLE
THE WAY SHE MOVED...
I WONDER IF SHE STUDIES MARTIAL ARTS...?
OKAY!
GUESS I NEED MORE TRAINING!!
DETERMINED

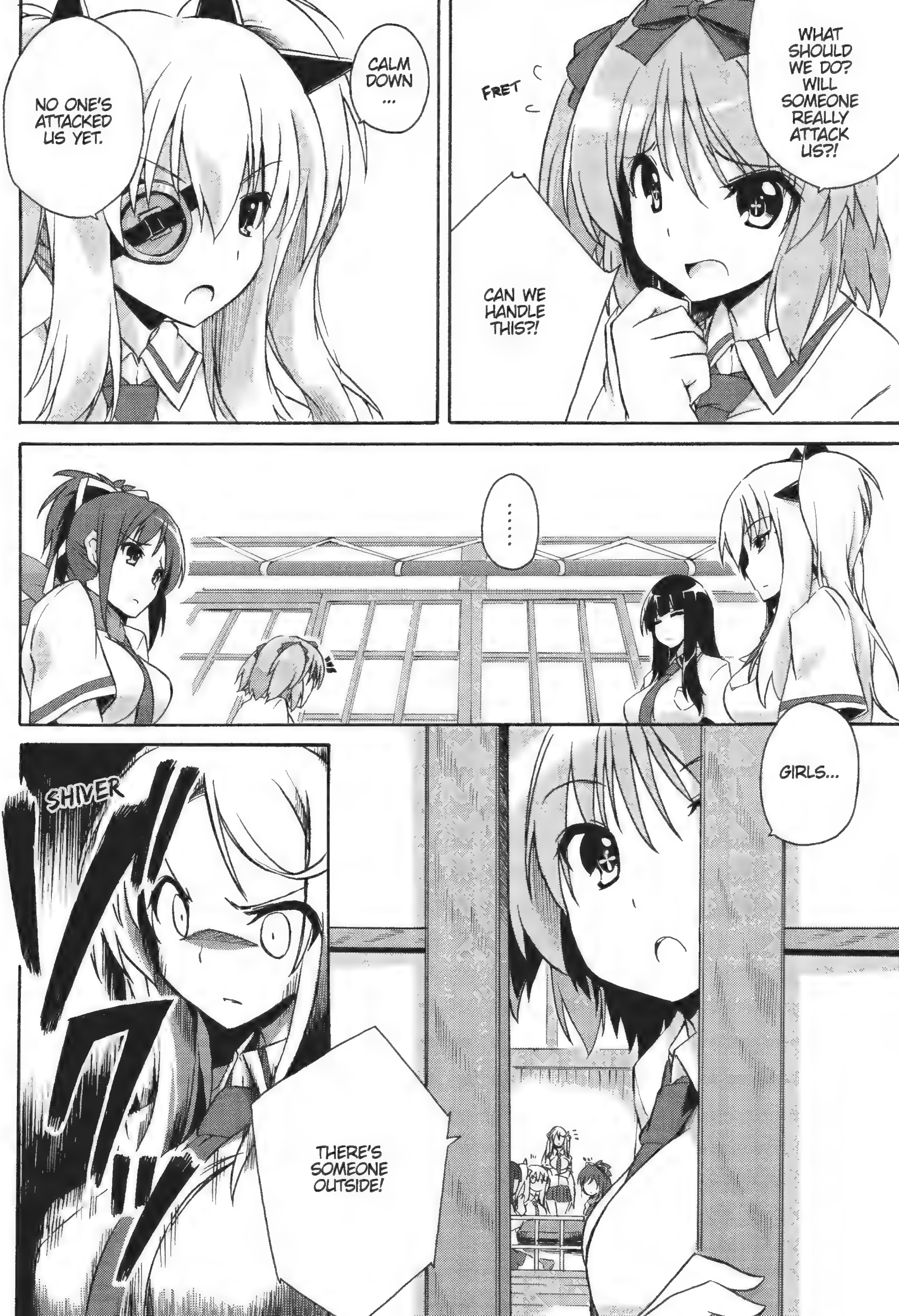

Hah!
I'M SO BORED.
Shah!
Yaa!
DAY IN AND DAY OUT, ALL I DO IS TRAIN.
I NEED A REAL CHALLENGE ...
I WANT TO FIGHT SOMEONE WHO PUSHES ME TO THE EDGE.
SUPAH
SNAP
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
THIS IS TOO BORING.
STEP
STEP

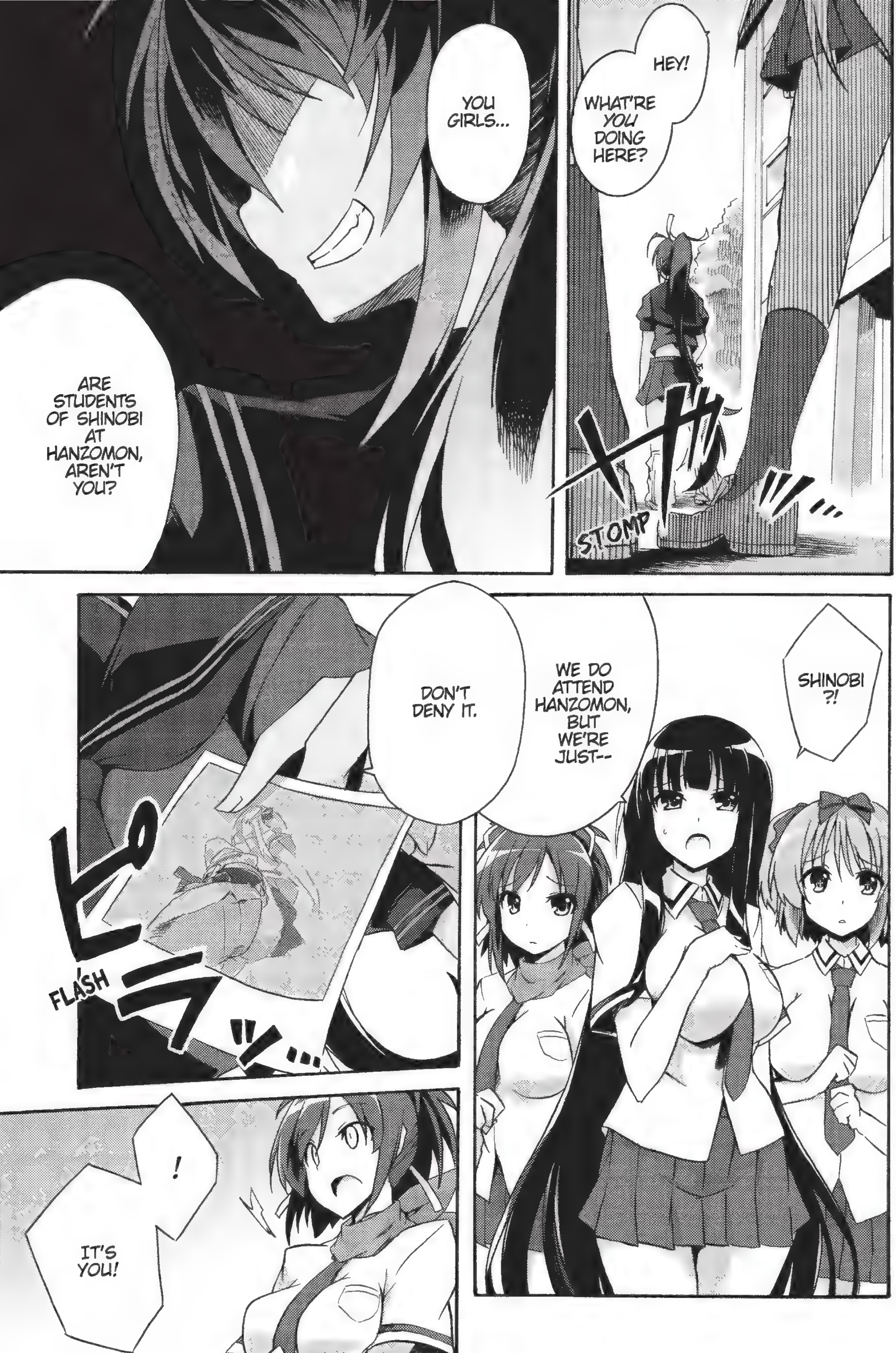

CHOKO?!
RUSTLE
I GUESS NOT.
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
……
MOM...
DAD...
SLAP
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
TIME FOR BREAKFAST!!

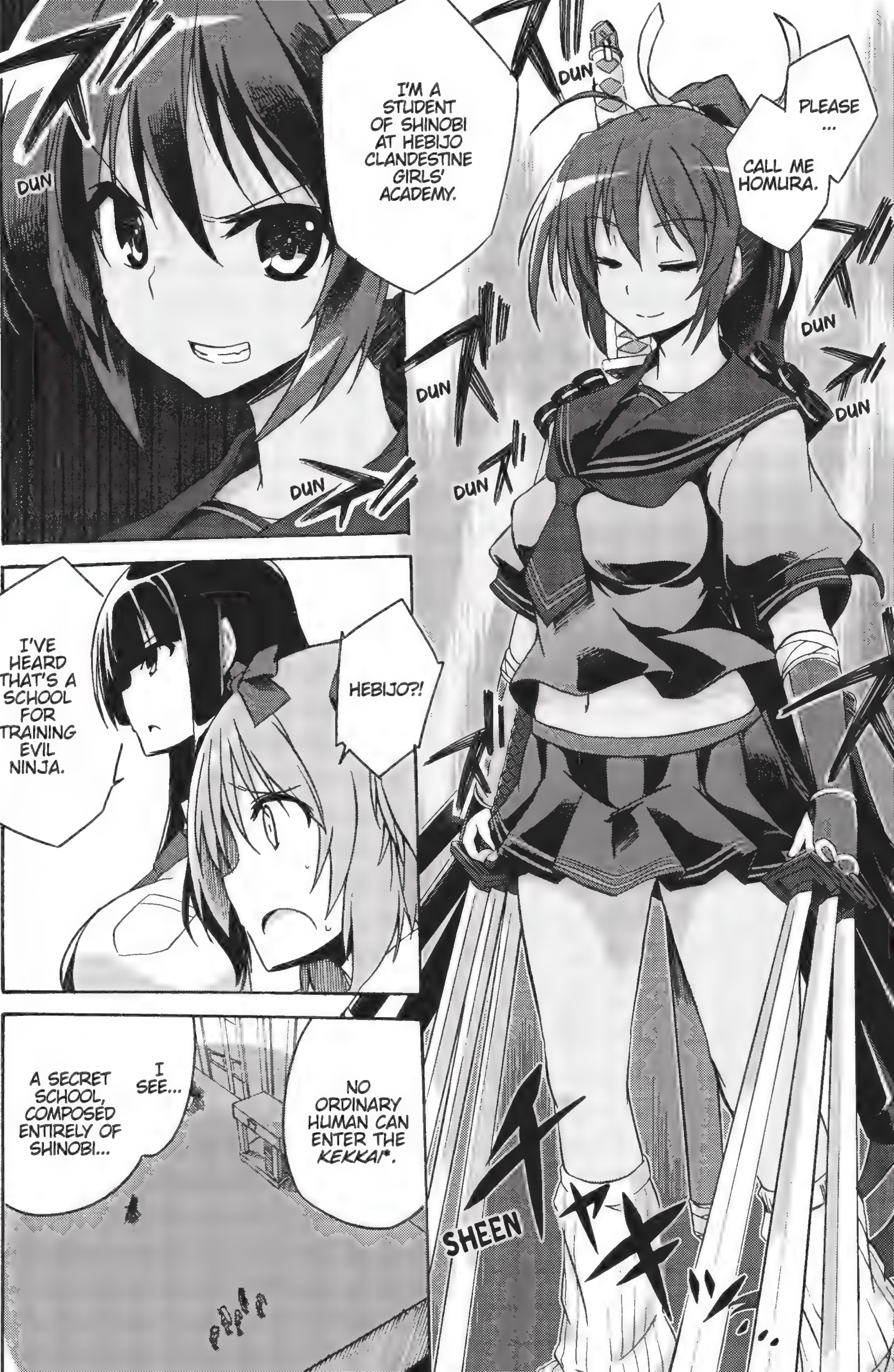

BON APPÉTIT.
OH!
SISTER KATSU!!
PUSH
YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS!
I MET THIS COOL GIRL IN THE SHOPPING AREA--
SLIDE
SLUUUUURRRRRP
WHAM
MMPH... (OH...)
RMPH? (REALLY?)
NGHAAH. (HUH.)
SLURP
FWWURP
HOVER
HOVER
EH?
A FLYING...
SPHERE?
HAH!


ジュッ
SLICE
スパッ
DISSOLVE
ジュウッ
WHOA!!
THAT MUST'VE BEEN AN ENEMY SPY!
THAT MEANS...
IF THEY'RE COLLECTING DATA ON US...
THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK SOON!
SMIRK
FINALLY, A WORTHY OPPONENT!!
......
SISTER KATSU ...
ハッ
HUH?
?!

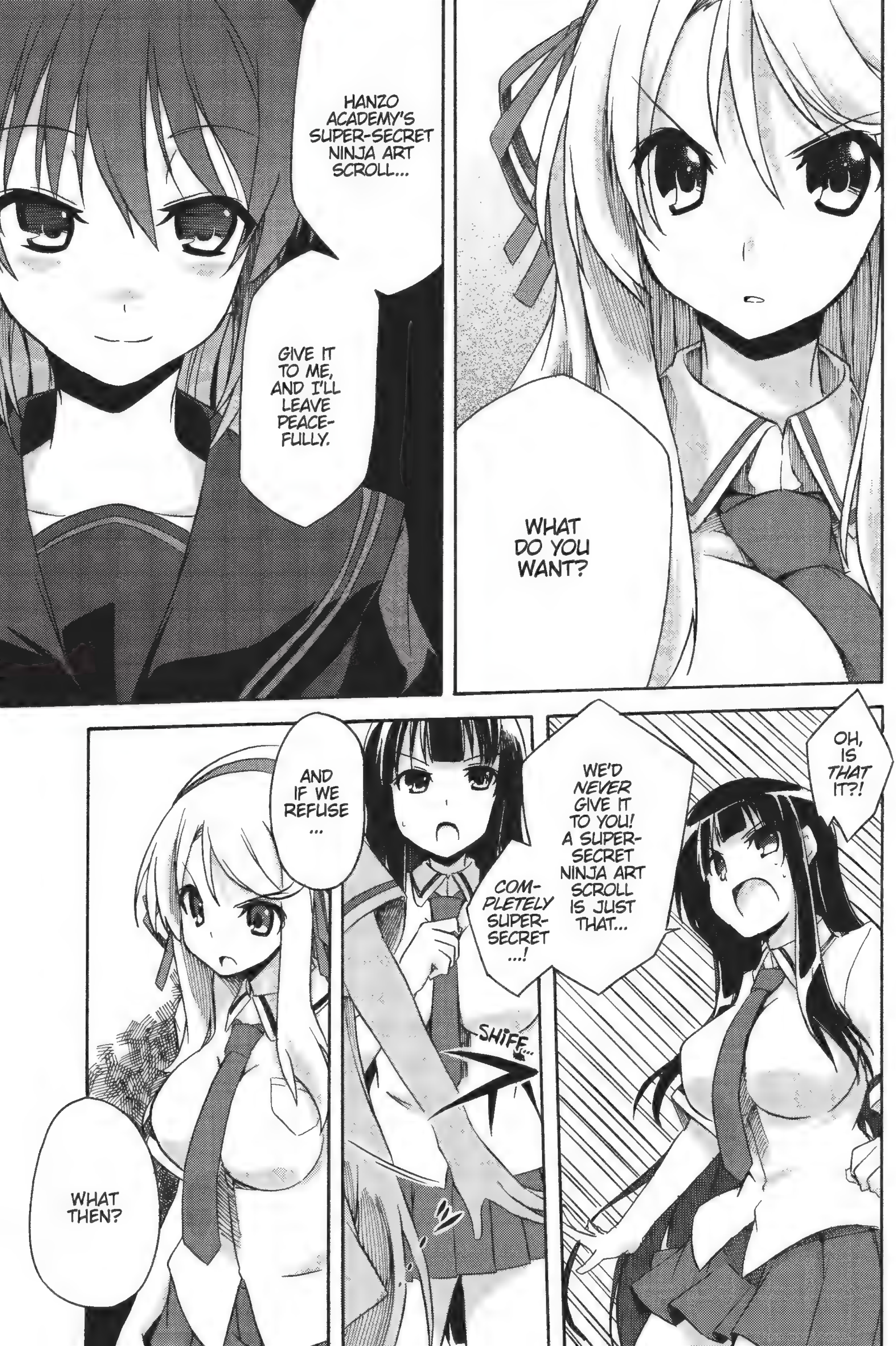

HEY...
THAT THING...
I KNOW...
WE'LL TELL THE OTHERS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THEY GET HERE.
SO, THAT'S THE DEAL.
I THINK WE SHOULD TELL MASTER KIRIYA!
I AGREE.
BUT...
ISN'T HE AWAY ON BUSINESS TODAY?
CRAP.

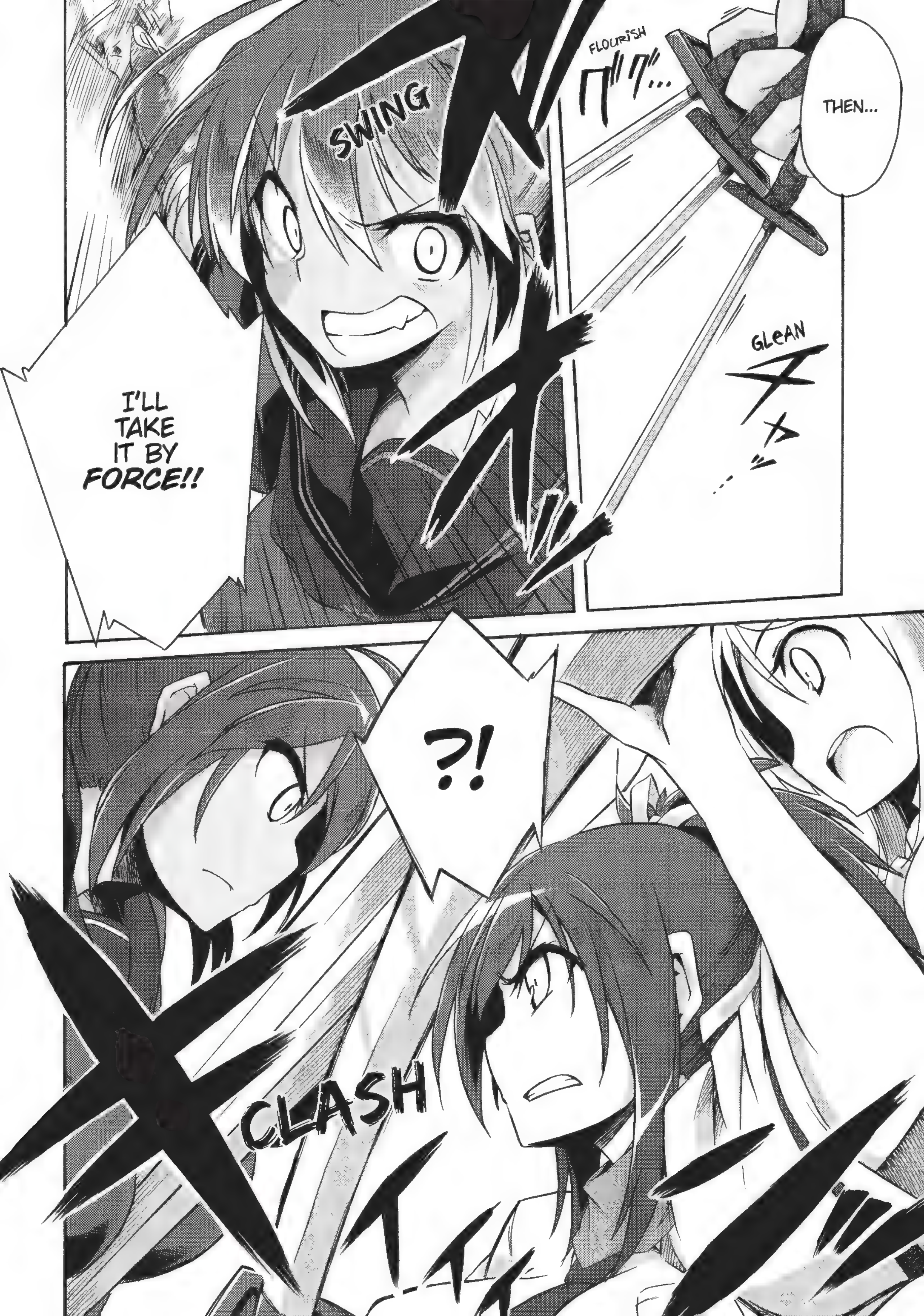

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WILL SOMEONE REALLY ATTACK US?!
FRET
CAN WE HANDLE THIS?!
CALM DOWN ...
NO ONE'S ATTACKED US YET.
......
GIRLS...
SHIVER
THERE'S SOMEONE OUTSIDE!

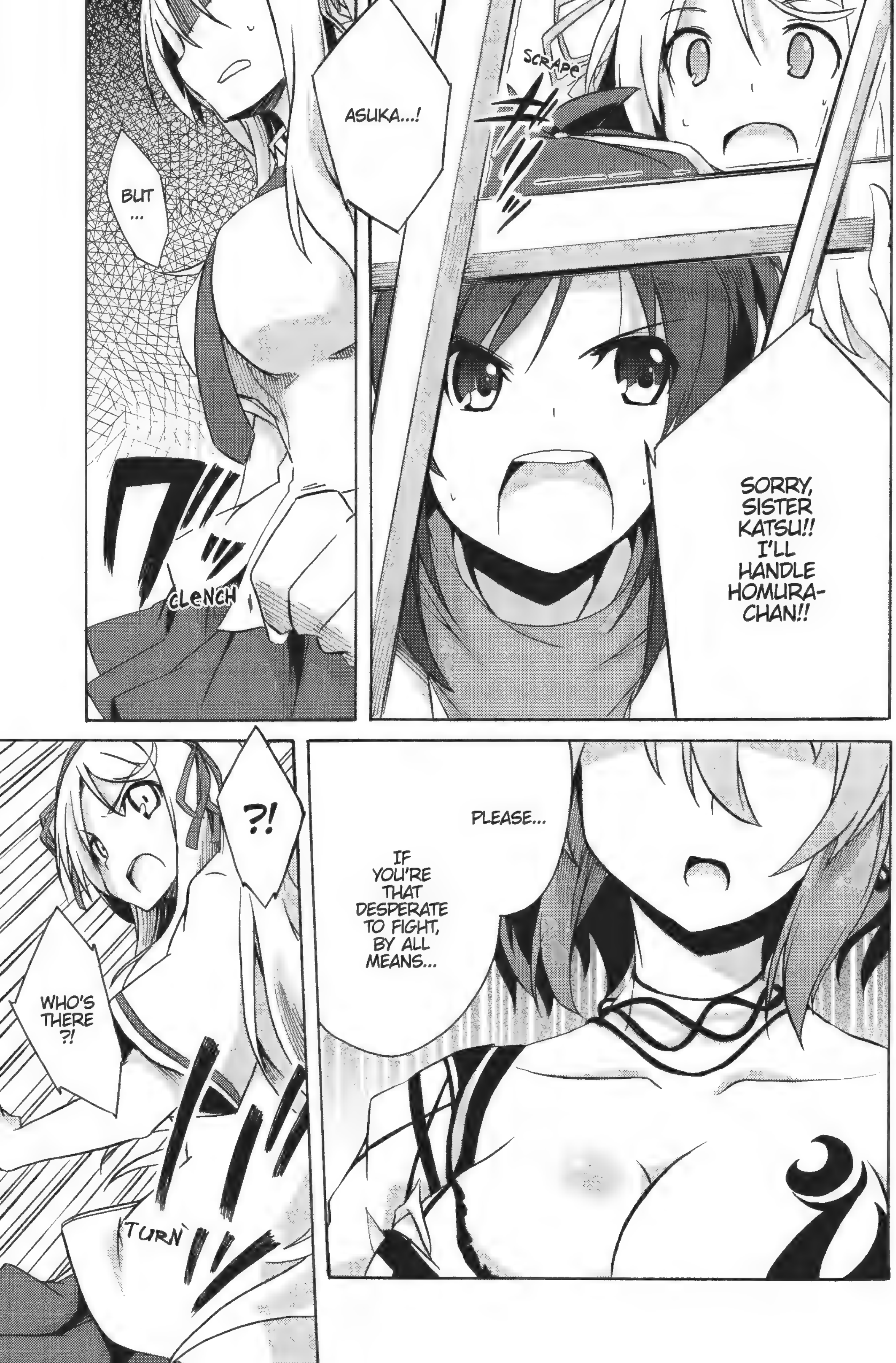

HEY!
WHAT'RE *YOU* DOING HERE?
STOMP
YOU GIRLS...
ARE STUDENTS OF SHINOBI AT HANZOMON, AREN'T YOU?
SHINOBI ?!
WE DO ATTEND HANZOMON, BUT WE'RE JUST--
DON'T DENY IT.
FLASH
!
IT'S YOU!

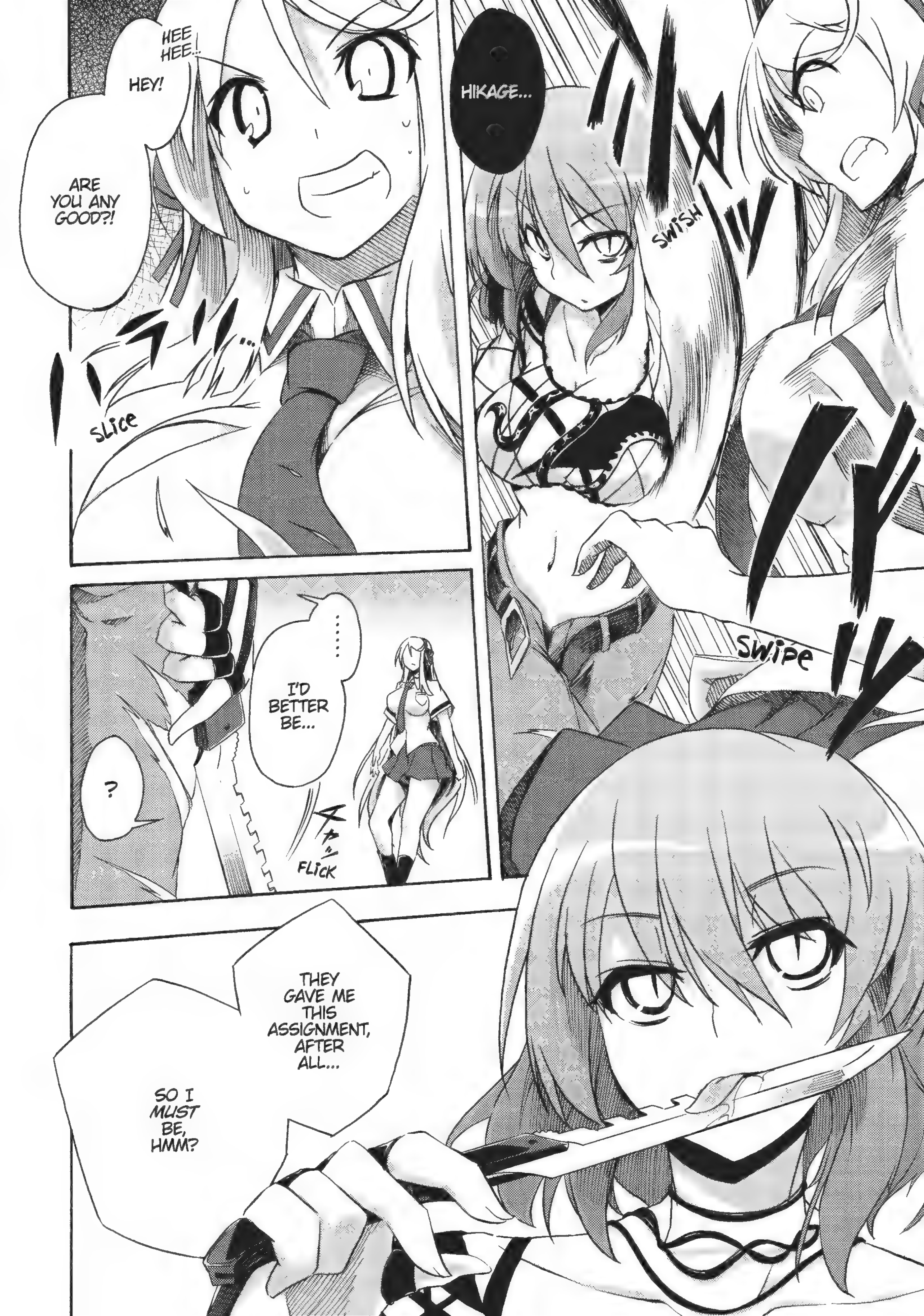

I'M A STUDENT OF SHINOBI AT HEBIJO CLANDESTINE GIRLS' ACADEMY.
DUN
DUN
DUN
PLEASE ...
CALL ME HOMURA.
DUN
DUN
DUN
DUN
HEBIJO?!
I'VE HEARD THAT'S A SCHOOL FOR TRAINING EVIL NINJA.
NO ORDINARY HUMAN CAN ENTER THE *KEKKAI**.
I SEE...
A SECRET SCHOOL, COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF SHINOBI...
SHEEN

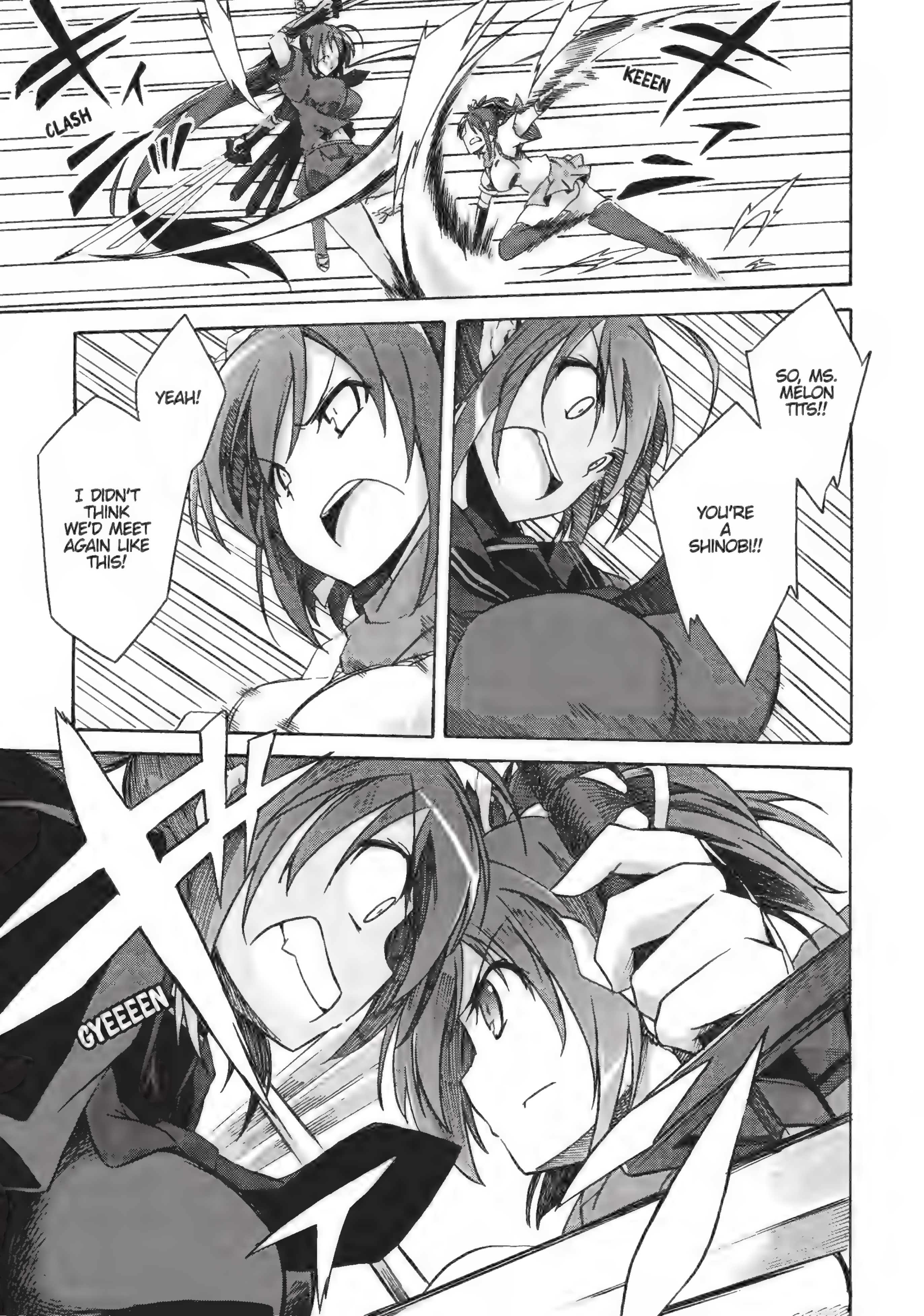
A space protected by a supernatural barrier.

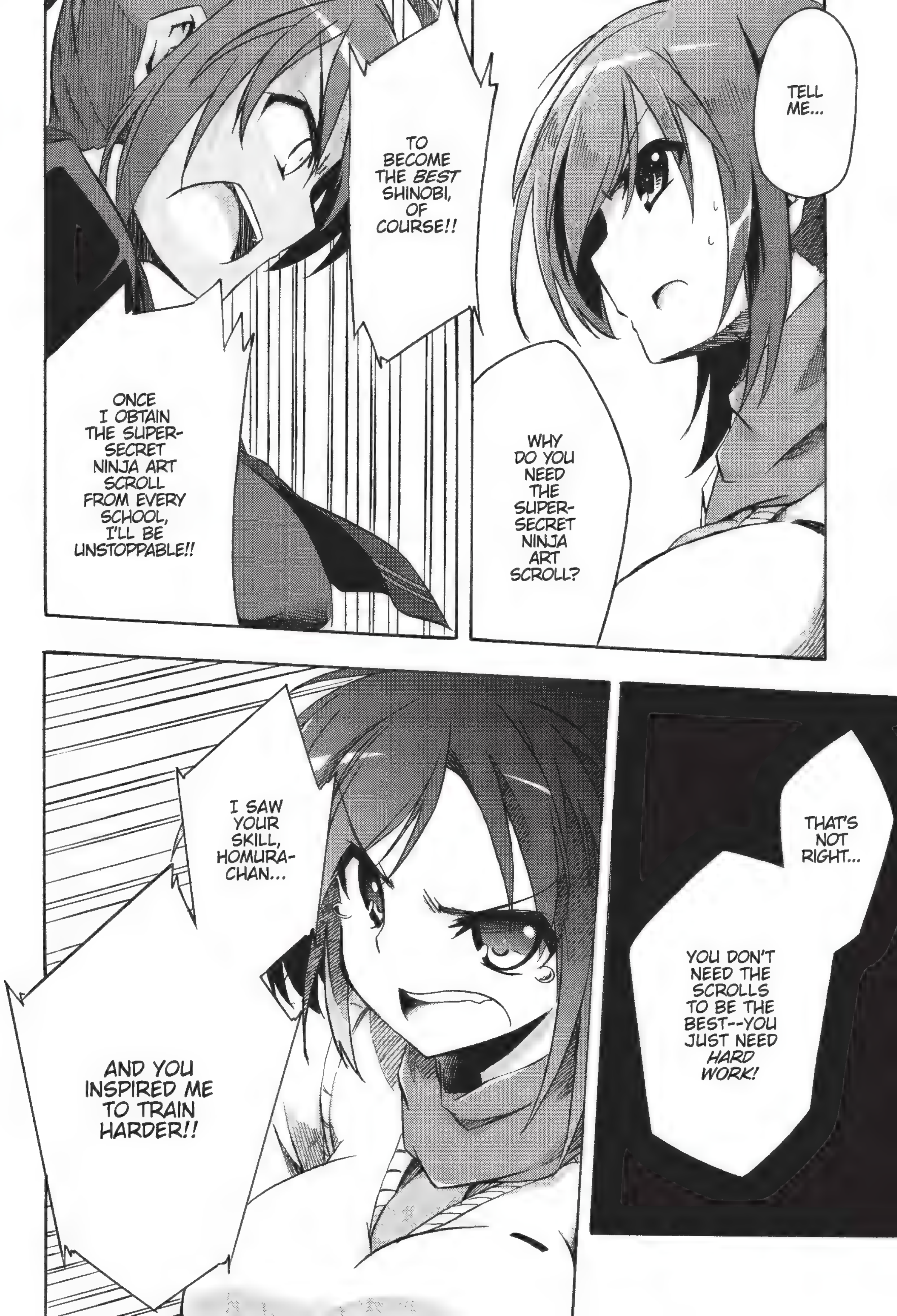

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HANZO ACADEMY'S SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL...
GIVE IT TO ME, AND I'LL LEAVE PEACEFULLY.
OH, IS *THAT* IT?!
WE'D *NEVER* GIVE IT TO YOU! A SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL IS JUST THAT...
COMPLETELY SUPER-SECRET ...!
SHIFF...
AND IF WE REFUSE ...
WHAT THEN?

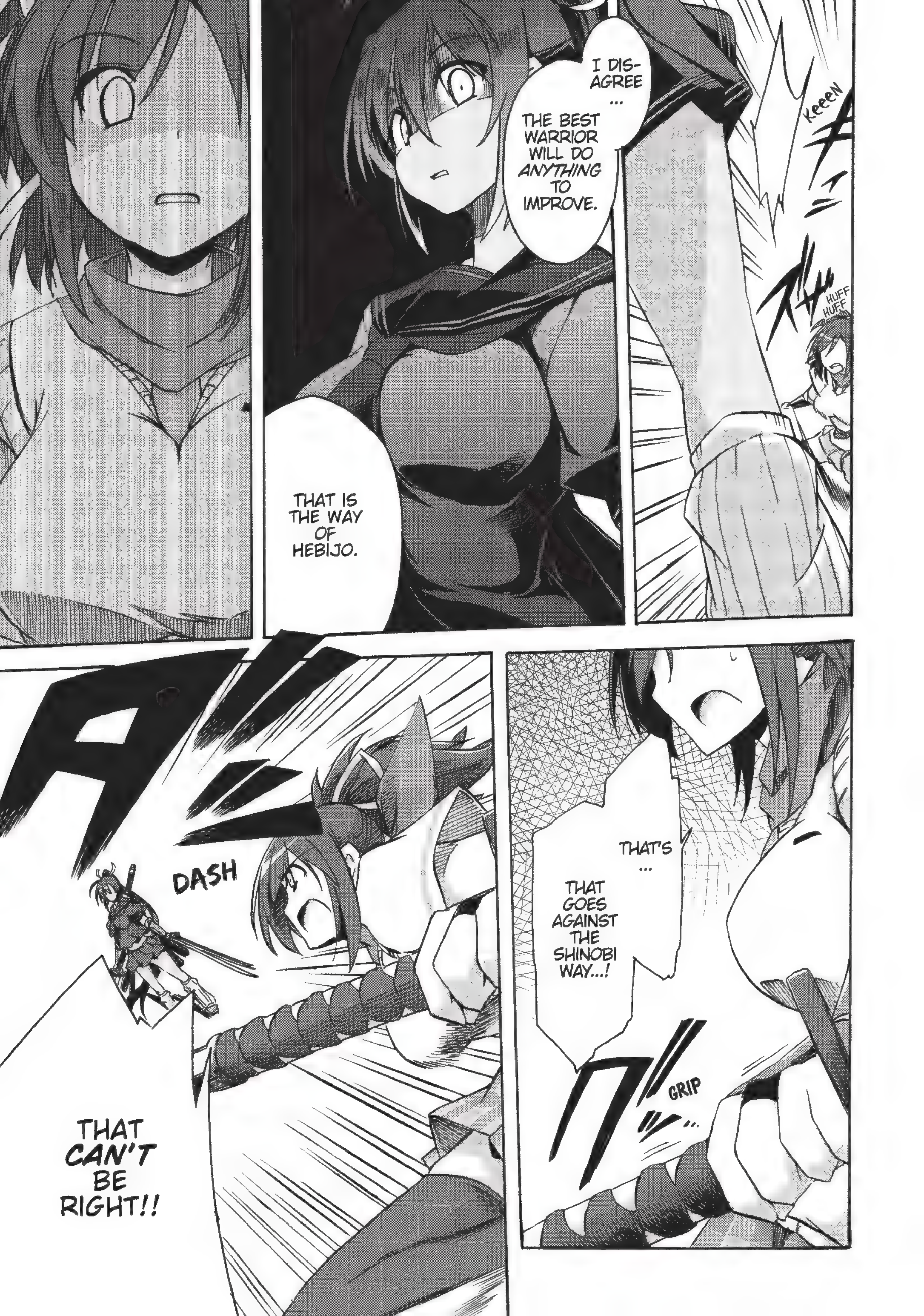

THEN...
FLOURISH
SWING
GLEAN
I'LL TAKE IT BY **FORCE!!**
?!
CLASH

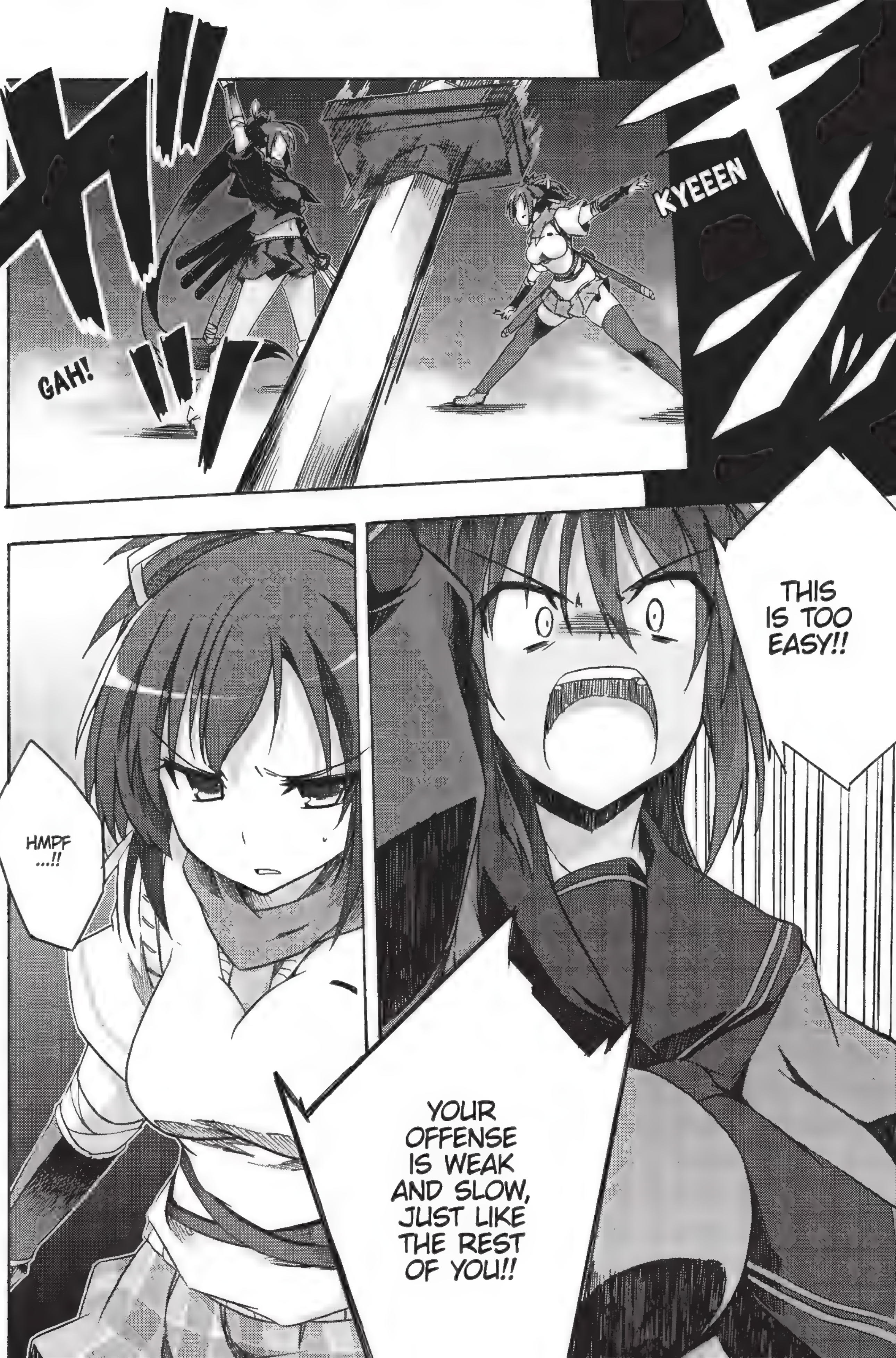

SCRAPE
ASUKA...!
SORRY, SISTER KATSU!! I'LL HANDLE HOMURA-CHAN!!
BUT ...
CLENCH
PLEASE...
IF YOU'RE THAT DESPERATE TO FIGHT, BY ALL MEANS...
?!
WHO'S THERE ?!
TURN

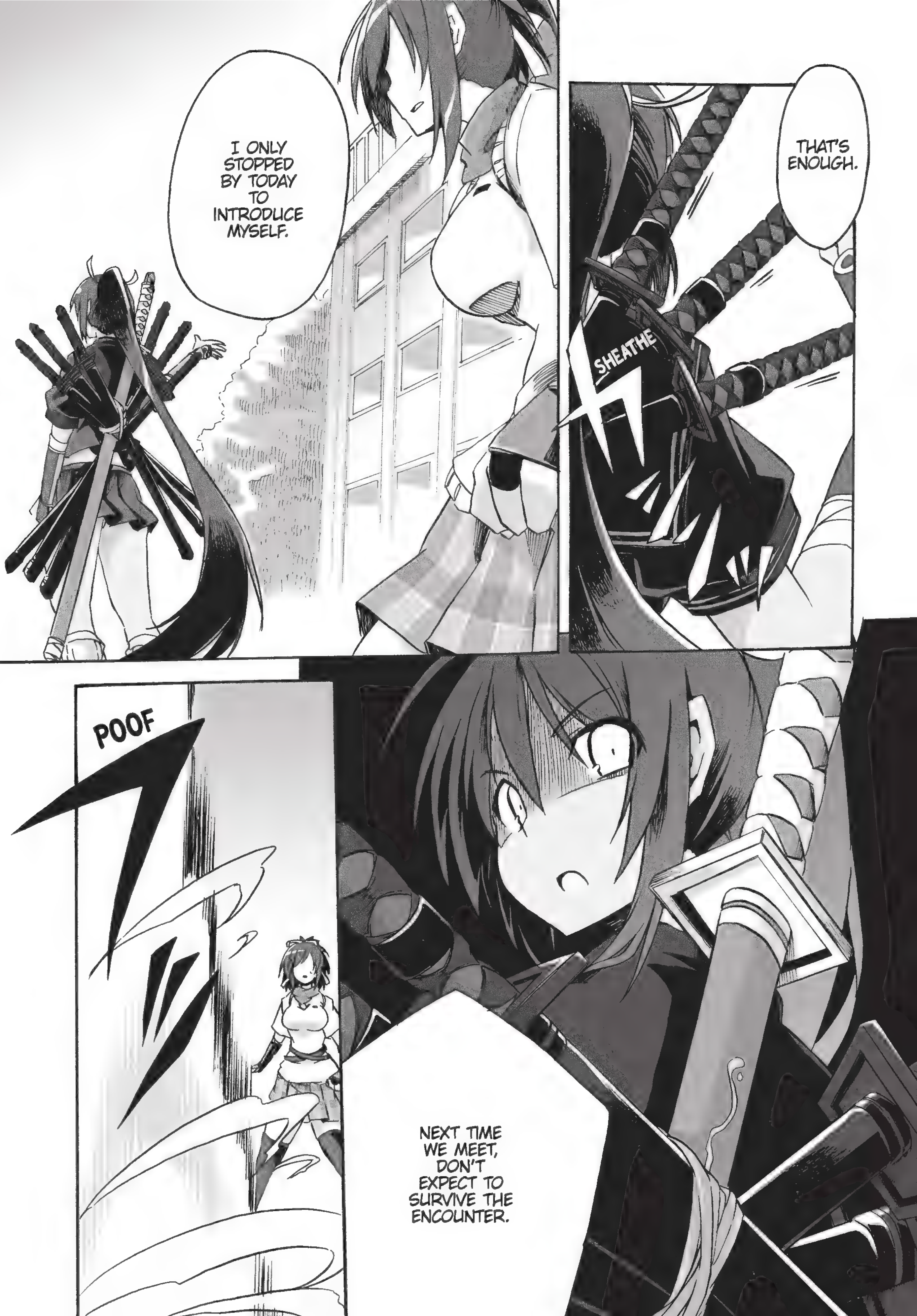

HIKAGE...
SWISH
Swipe
HEE HEE...
HEY!
ARE YOU ANY GOOD?!
slice
......
I'D BETTER BE...
?
FLICK
THEY GAVE ME THIS ASSIGNMENT, AFTER ALL...
SO I MUST BE, HMM?

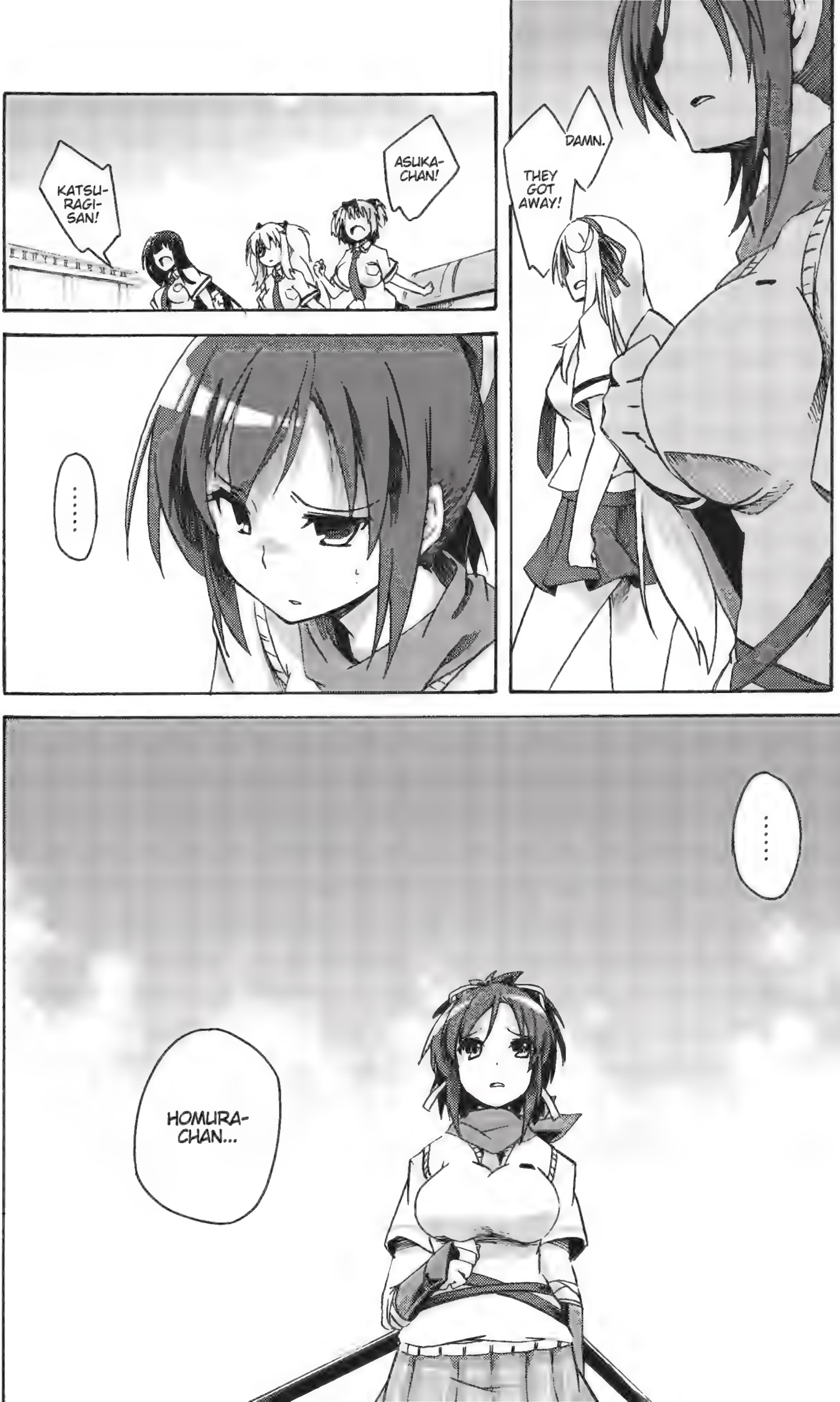

KEEEN
CLASH
SO, MS. MELON TITS!!
YOU'RE A SHINOBI!!
YEAH!
I DIDN'T THINK WE'D MEET AGAIN LIKE THIS!
GYEEEEN

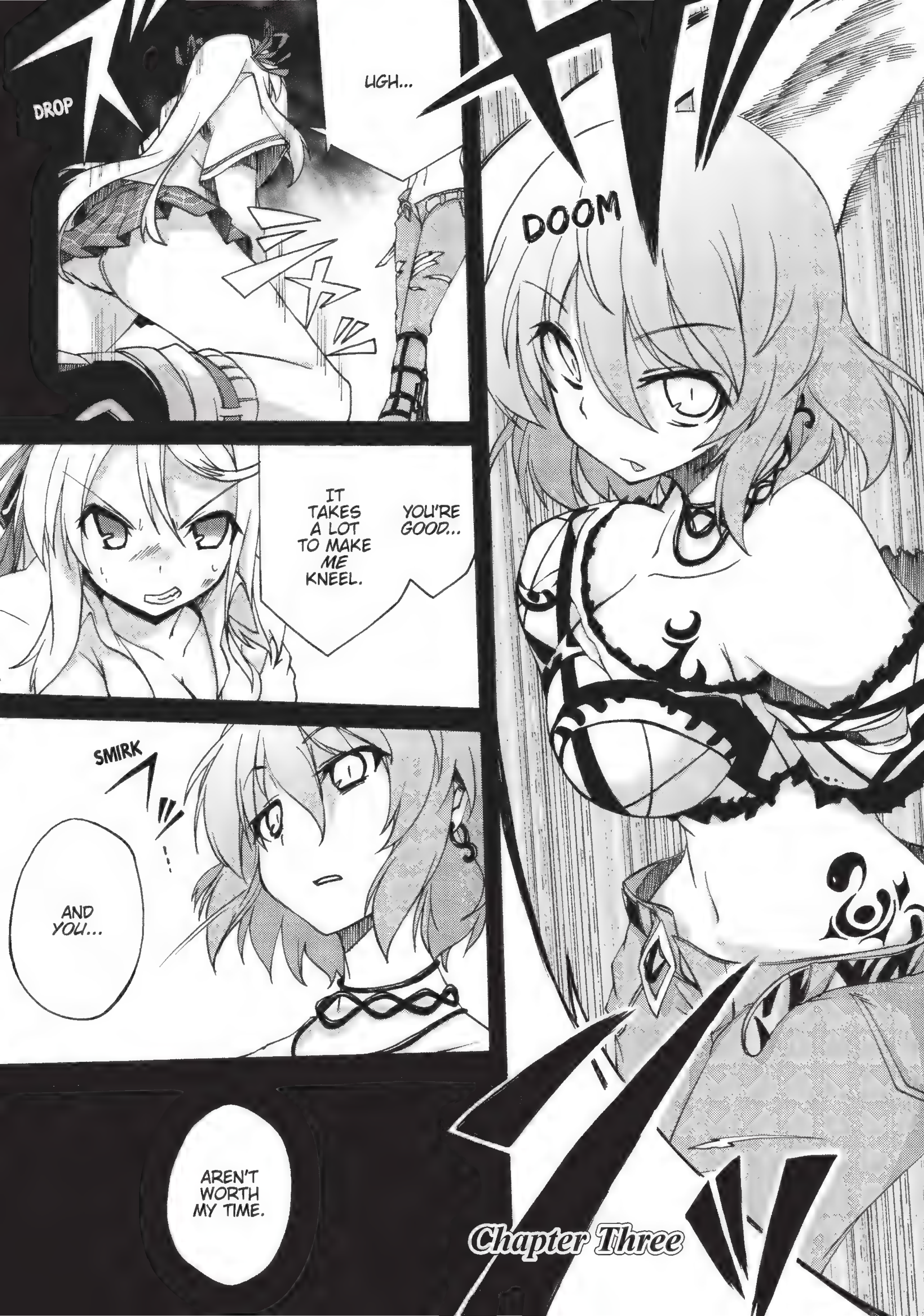

TELL ME...
WHY DO YOU NEED THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL?
TO BECOME THE *BEST* SHINOBI, OF COURSE!!
ONCE I OBTAIN THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL FROM EVERY SCHOOL, I'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE!!
THAT'S NOT RIGHT...
YOU DON'T NEED THE SCROLLS TO BE THE BEST--YOU JUST NEED *HARD WORK!*
I SAW YOUR SKILL, HOMURA-CHAN...
AND YOU INSPIRED ME TO TRAIN HARDER!!


KeeeN
HUFF HUFF
I DISAGREE...
THE BEST WARRIOR WILL DO *ANYTHING* TO IMPROVE.
THAT IS THE WAY OF HEBIJO.
THAT'S...
THAT GOES AGAINST THE SHINOBI WAY...!
GRIP
DASH
THAT *CAN'T* BE RIGHT!!

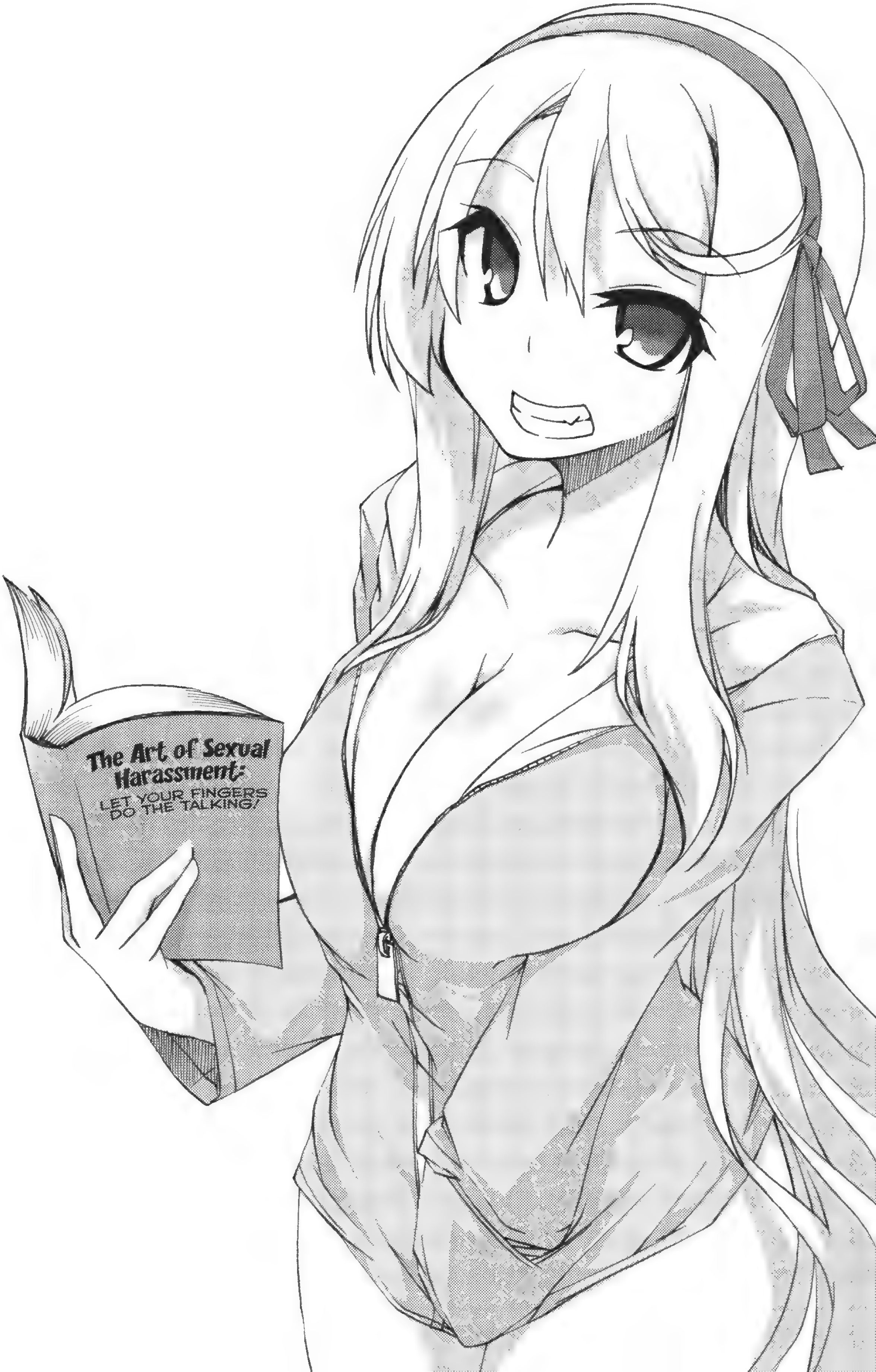

KYEEEN
GAH!
THIS IS TOO EASY!!
HMPF ...!!
YOUR OFFENSE IS WEAK AND SLOW, JUST LIKE THE REST OF YOU!!

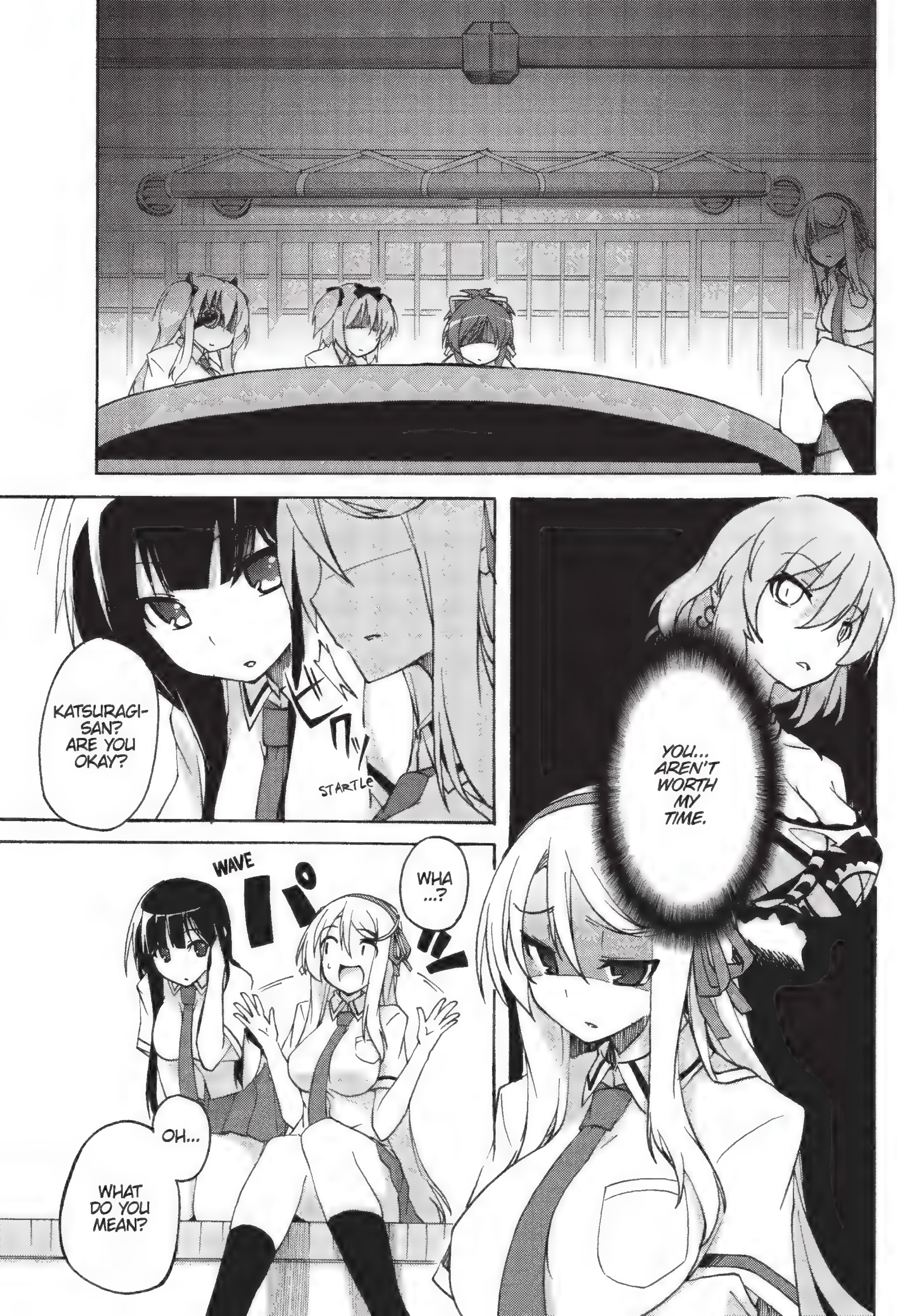

THAT'S ENOUGH.
SHEATHE
I ONLY STOPPED BY TODAY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
NEXT TIME WE MEET, DON'T EXPECT TO SURVIVE THE ENCOUNTER.
POOF

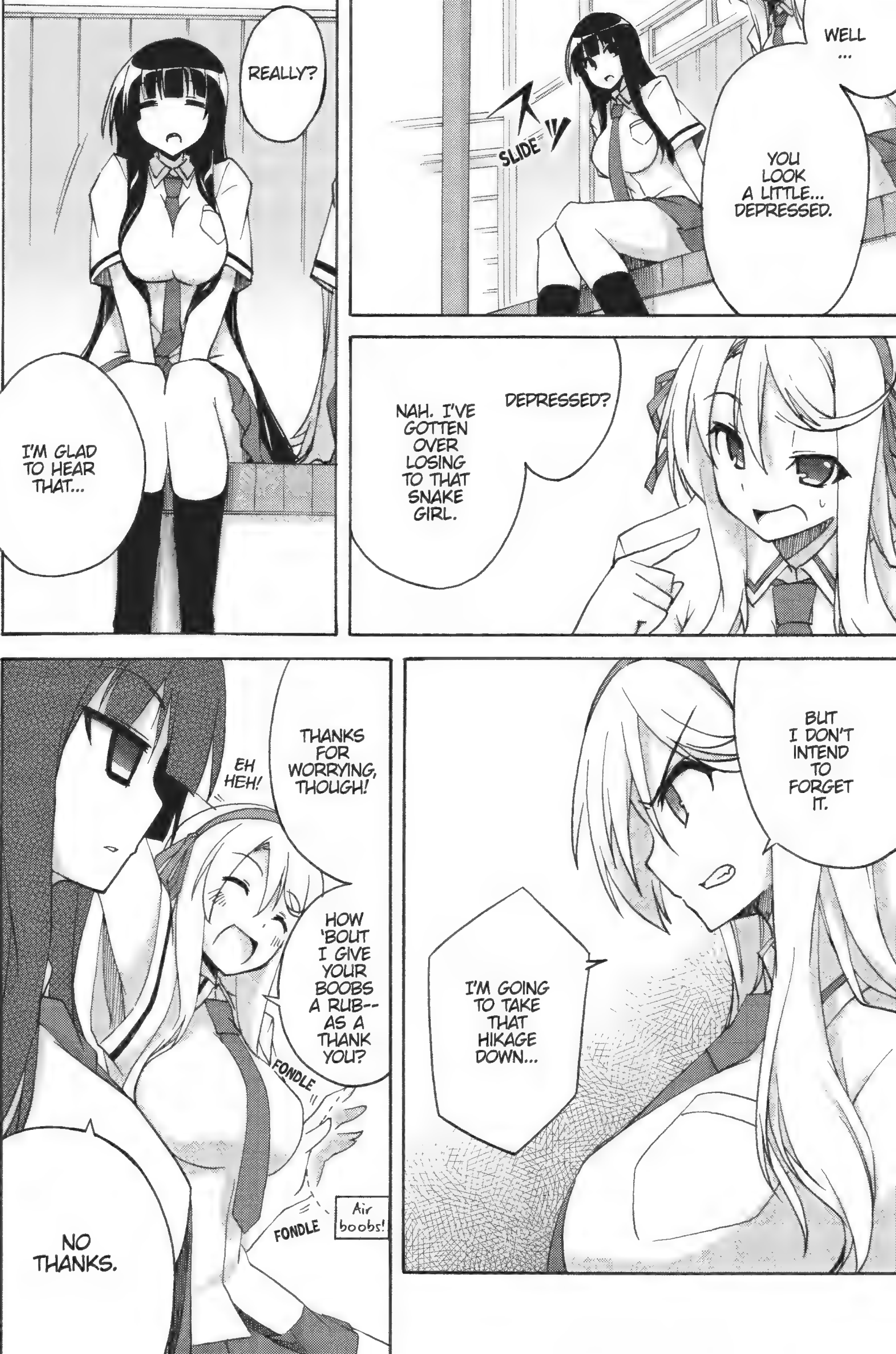

DAMN.
THEY GOT AWAY!
ASUKA-CHAN!
KATSURAGI-SAN!
……
……
HOMURA-CHAN…

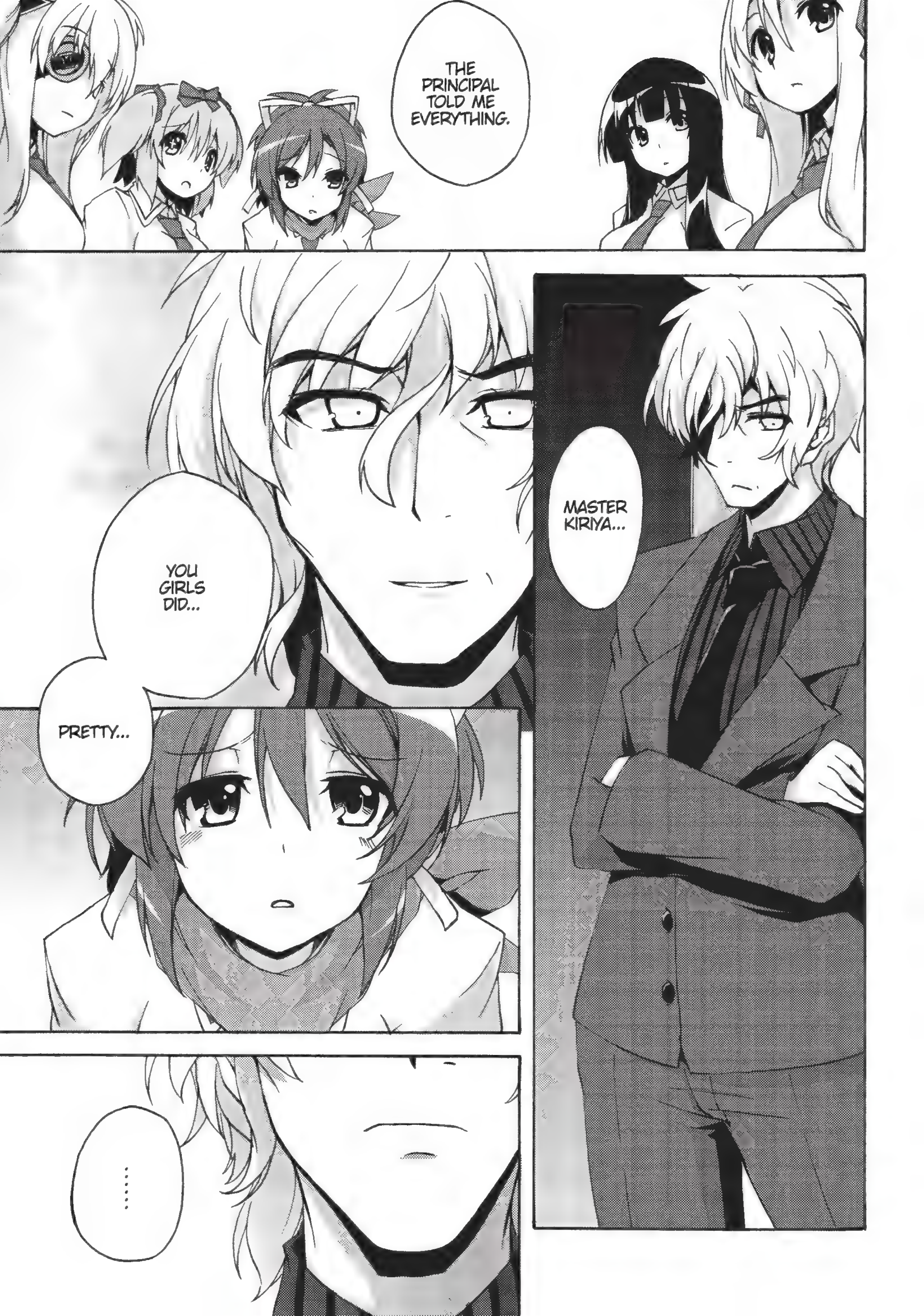

DOOM
UGH...
DROP
YOU'RE GOOD...
IT TAKES A LOT TO MAKE *ME* KNEEL.
SMIRK
AND YOU...
AREN'T WORTH MY TIME.

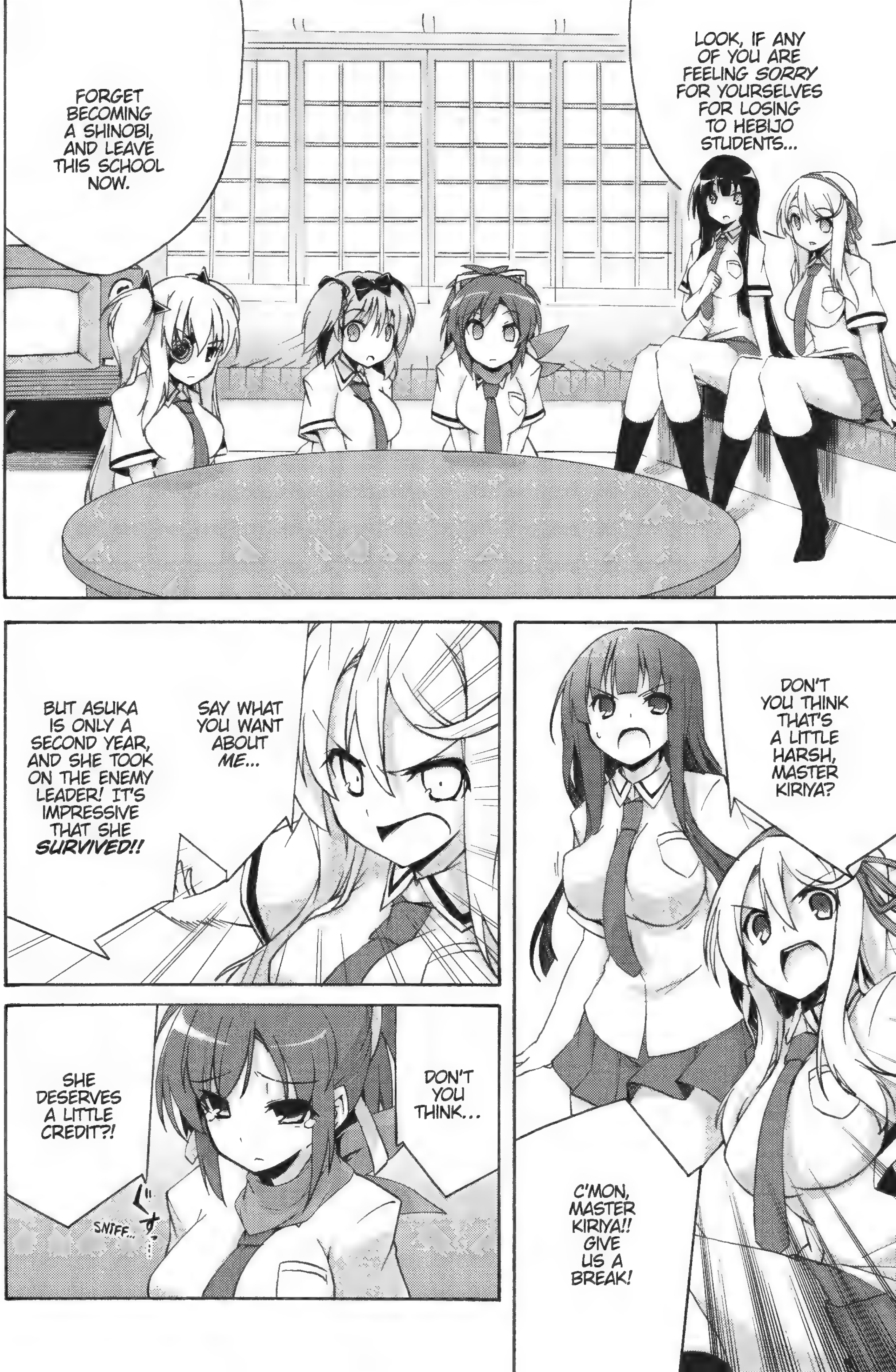
Chapter Three

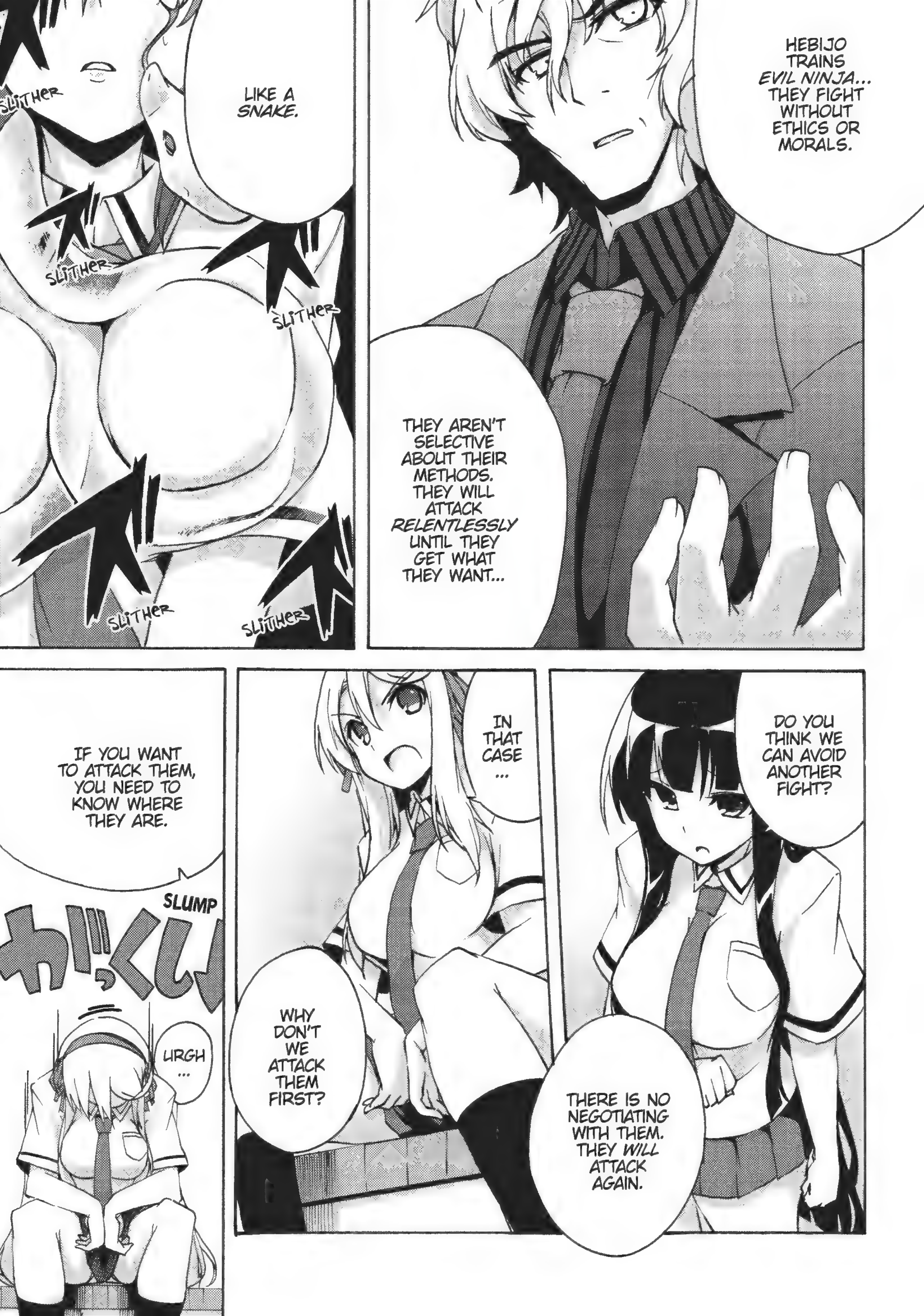

The Art of Sexual Harassment:
LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE TALKING!

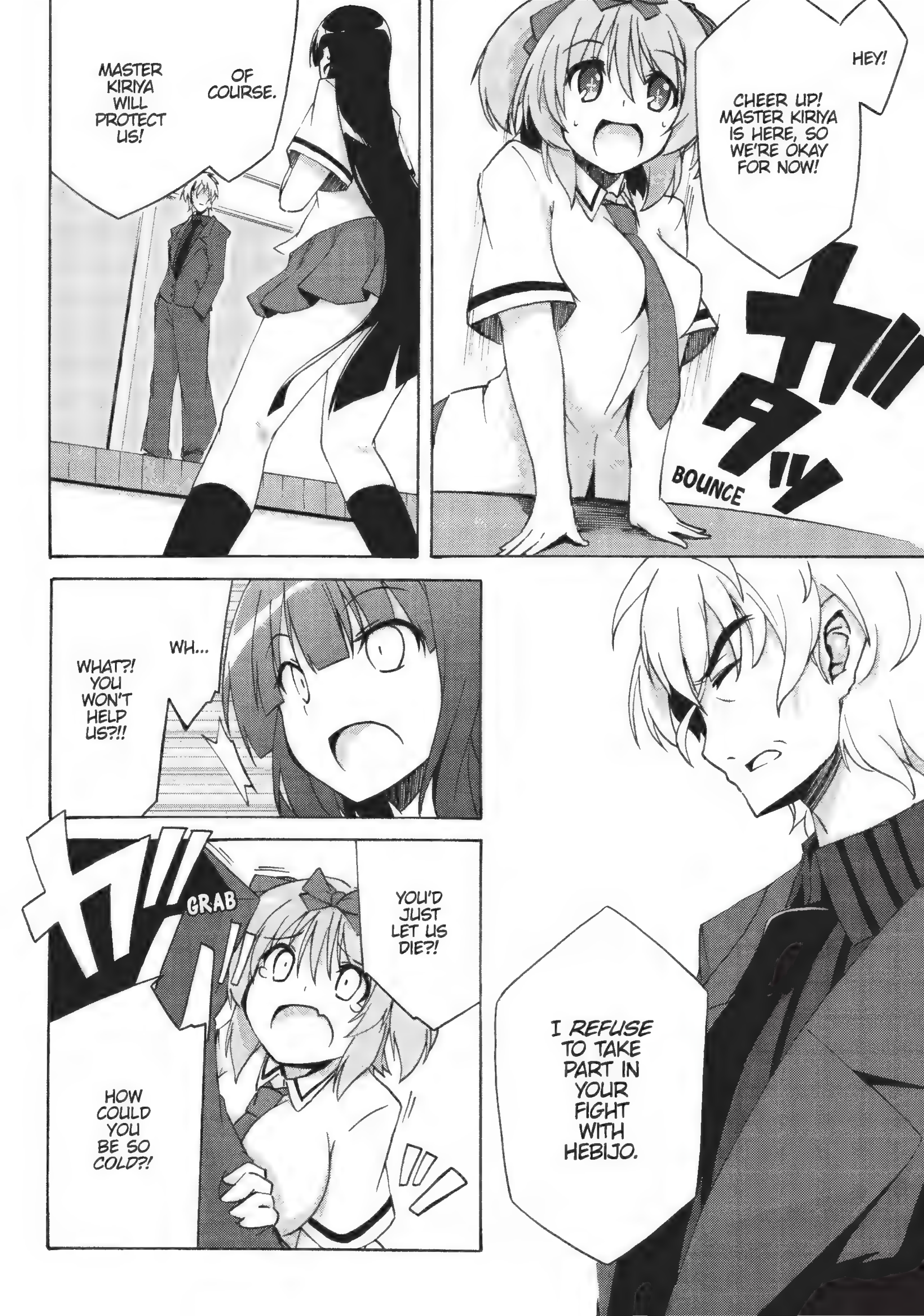

YOU... AREN'T WORTH MY TIME.
KATSURAGI-SAN? ARE YOU OKAY?
STARTLE
WHA ...?
WAVE
OH...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

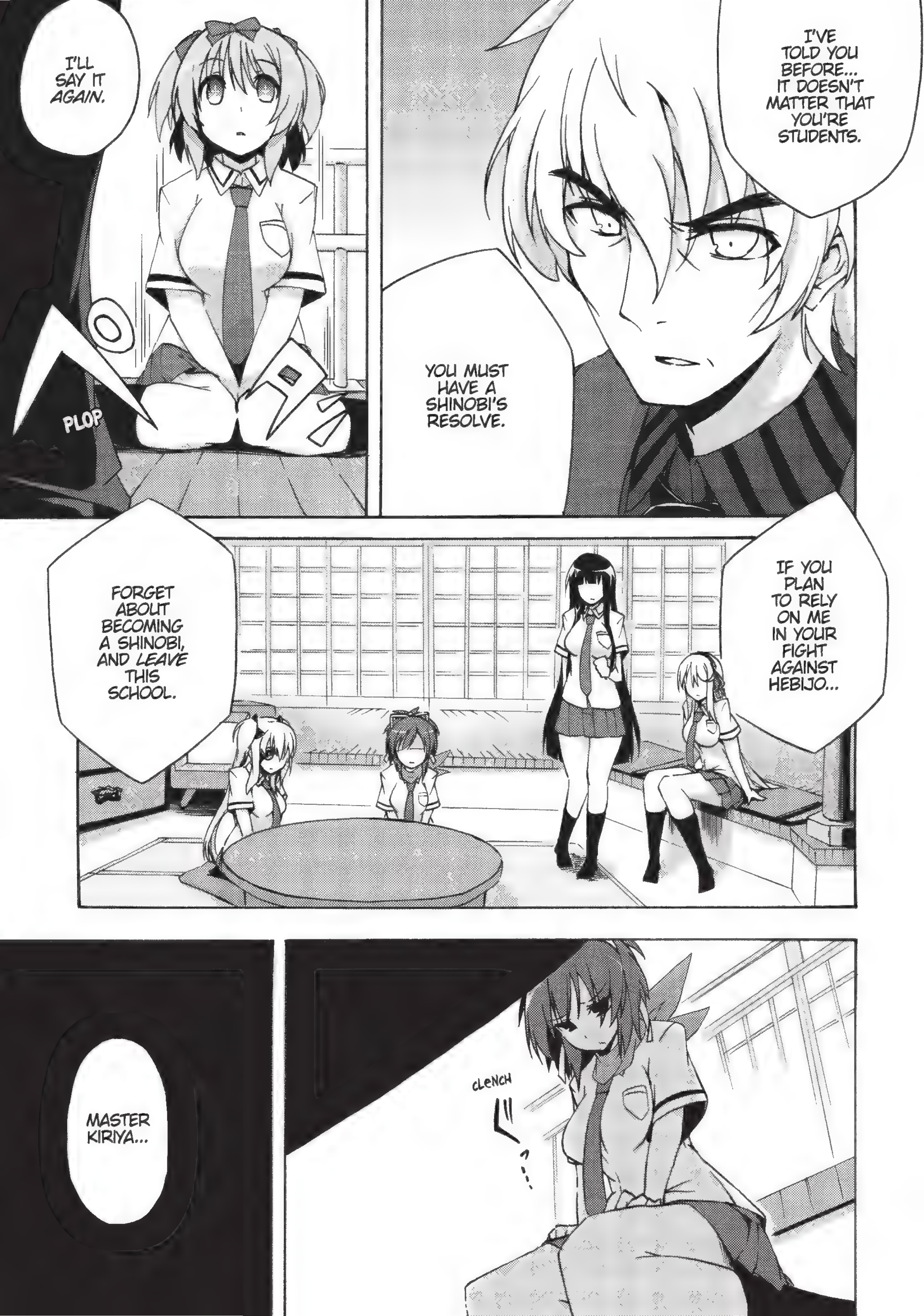

WELL ...
YOU LOOK A LITTLE... DEPRESSED.
SLIDE
DEPRESSED?
NAH. I'VE GOTTEN OVER LOSING TO THAT SNAKE GIRL.
REALLY?
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT...
BUT I DON'T INTEND TO FORGET IT.
I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT HIKAGE DOWN...
THANKS FOR WORRYING, THOUGH!
EH HEH!
HOW 'BOUT I GIVE YOUR BOOBS A RUB-- AS A THANK YOU?
FONDLE
FONDLE
Air boobs!
NO THANKS.

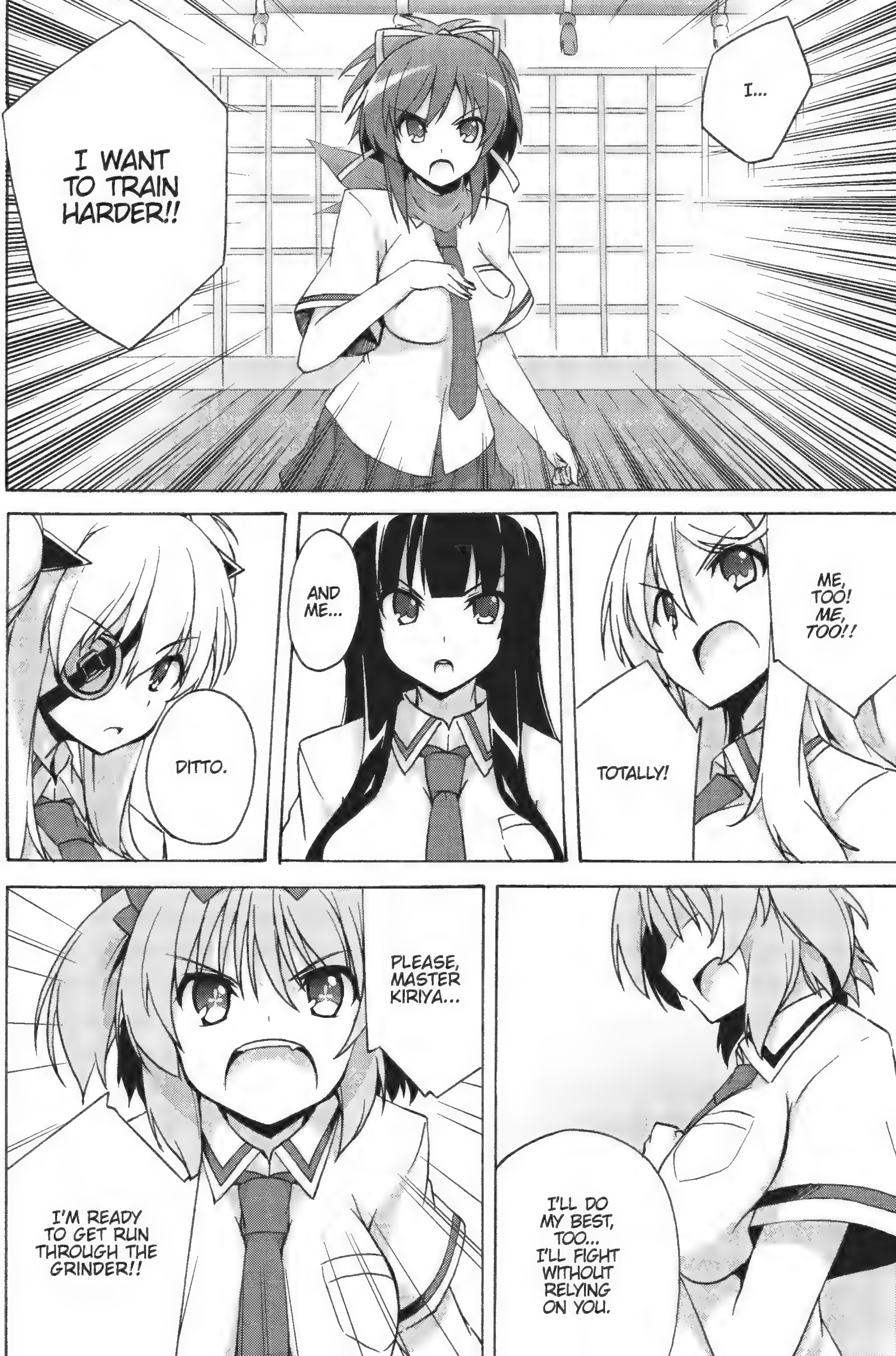

THE PRINCIPAL TOLD ME EVERYTHING.
MASTER KIRIYA...
YOU GIRLS DID...
PRETTY...
......

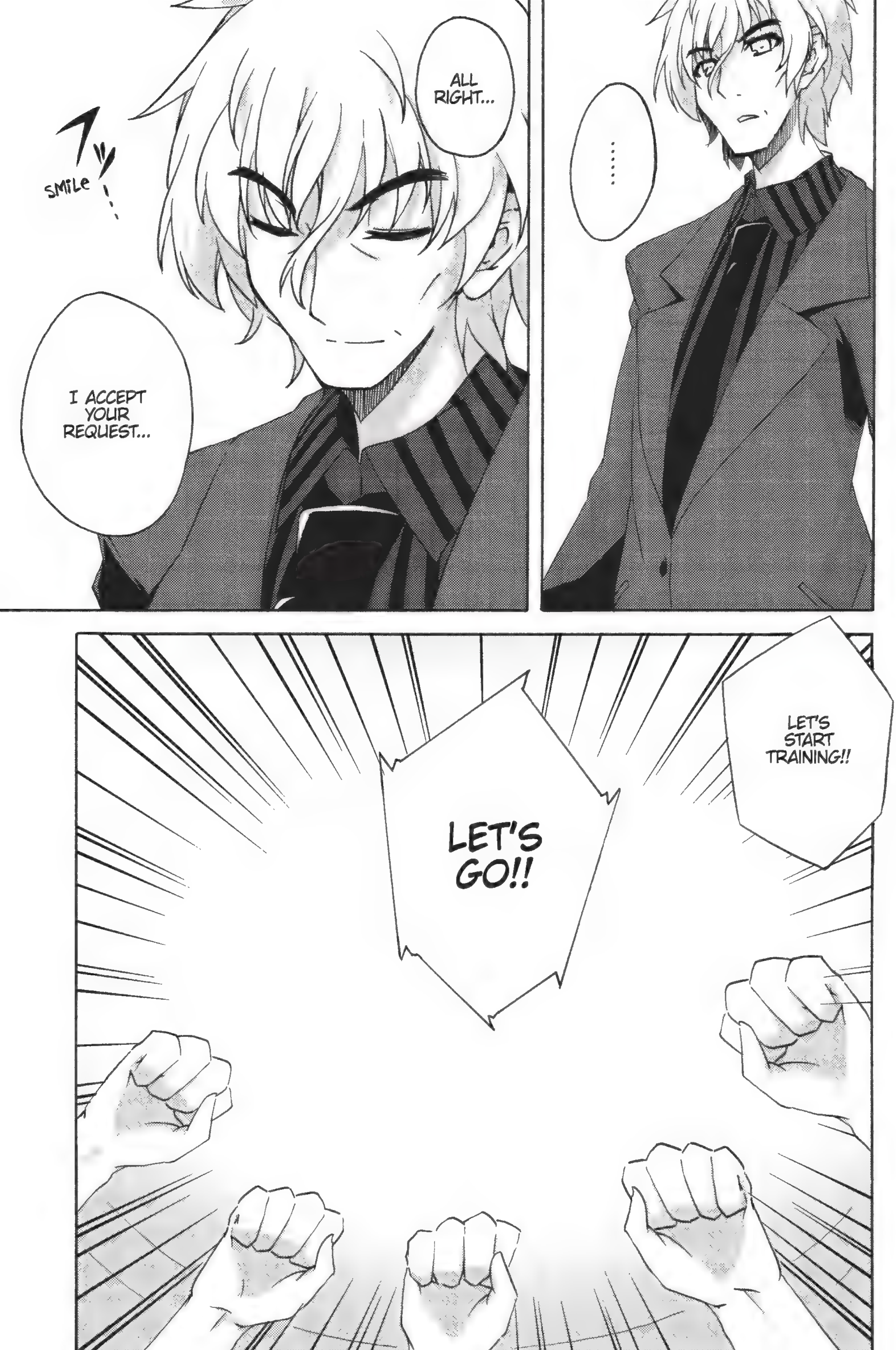

LOOK, IF ANY OF YOU ARE FEELING *SORRY* FOR YOURSELVES FOR LOSING TO HEBIJO STUDENTS...
FORGET BECOMING A SHINOBI, AND LEAVE THIS SCHOOL NOW.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A LITTLE HARSH, MASTER KIRIYA?
C'MON, MASTER KIRIYA!! GIVE US A BREAK!
SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT *ME*...
BUT ASUKA IS ONLY A SECOND YEAR, AND SHE TOOK ON THE ENEMY LEADER! IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT SHE ***SURVIVED!!***
DON'T YOU THINK...
SHE DESERVES A LITTLE CREDIT?!
ぐす…
SNIFF...


HEBIJO TRAINS *EVIL NINJA*... THEY FIGHT WITHOUT ETHICS OR MORALS.
THEY AREN'T SELECTIVE ABOUT THEIR METHODS. THEY WILL ATTACK *RELENTLESSLY* UNTIL THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT...
LIKE A *SNAKE.*
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
DO YOU THINK WE CAN AVOID ANOTHER FIGHT?
THERE IS NO NEGOTIATING WITH THEM. THEY *WILL* ATTACK AGAIN.
IN THAT CASE ...
WHY DON'T WE ATTACK THEM FIRST?
IF YOU WANT TO ATTACK THEM, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
SLUMP
がっくし
URGH ...


HEY!
CHEER UP! MASTER KIRIYA IS HERE, SO WE'RE OKAY FOR NOW!
ガタッ
BOUNCE
OF COURSE.
MASTER KIRIYA WILL PROTECT US!
I *REFUSE* TO TAKE PART IN YOUR FIGHT WITH HEBIJO.
WH...
WHAT?! YOU WON'T HELP US?!!
ガッ
GRAB
YOU'D JUST LET US DIE?!
HOW COULD YOU BE SO COLD?!


I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE... IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT YOU'RE STUDENTS.
YOU MUST HAVE A SHINOBI'S RESOLVE.
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.
PLOP
IF YOU PLAN TO RELY ON ME IN YOUR FIGHT AGAINST HEBIJO...
FORGET ABOUT BECOMING A SHINOBI, AND LEAVE THIS SCHOOL.
CLENCH
MASTER KIRIYA...


I...
I WANT TO TRAIN HARDER!!
ME, TOO! ME, TOO!!
TOTALLY!
AND ME...
DITTO.
I'LL DO MY BEST, TOO... I'LL FIGHT WITHOUT RELYING ON YOU.
PLEASE, MASTER KIRIYA...
I'M READY TO GET RUN THROUGH THE GRINDER!!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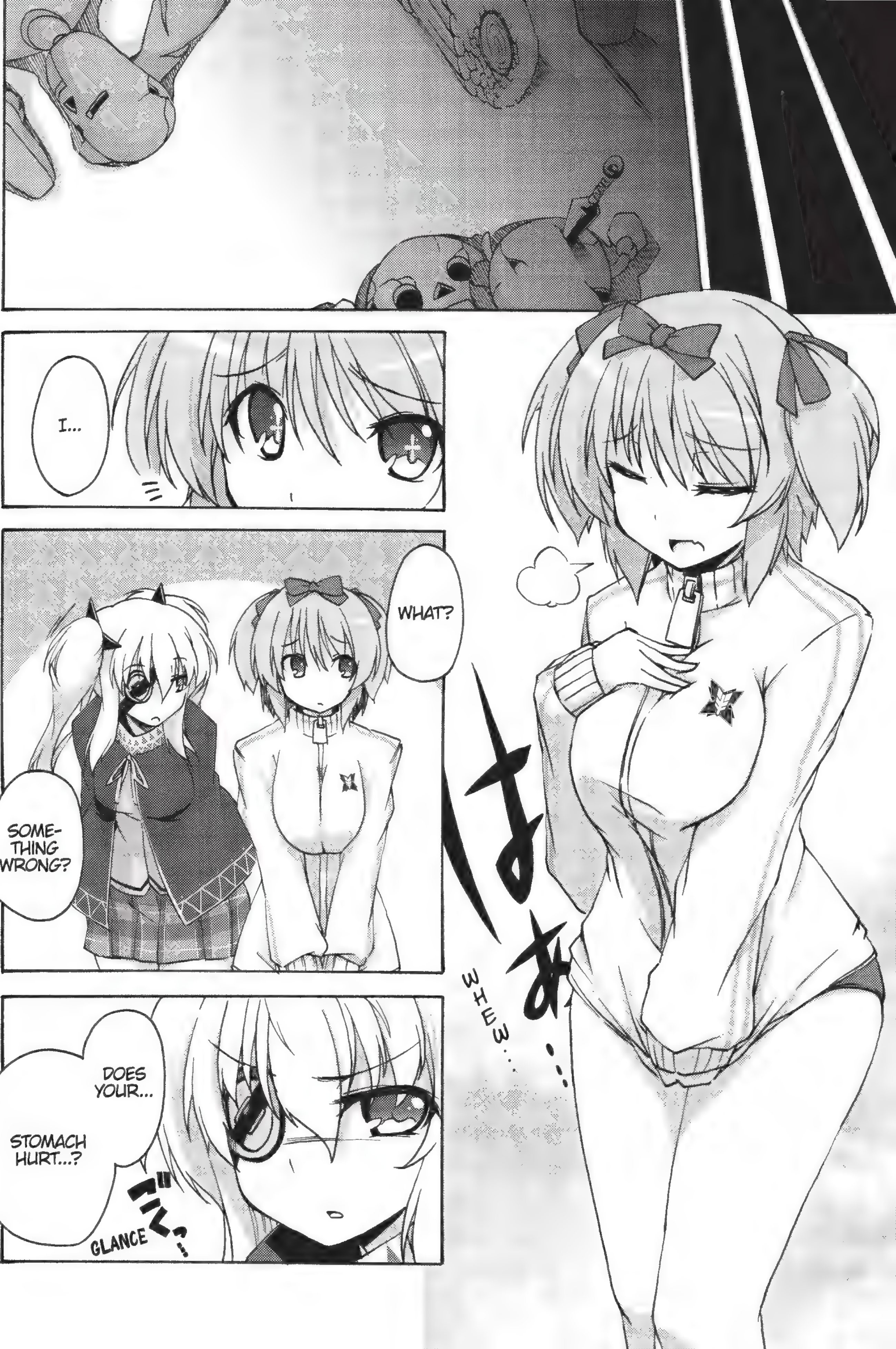
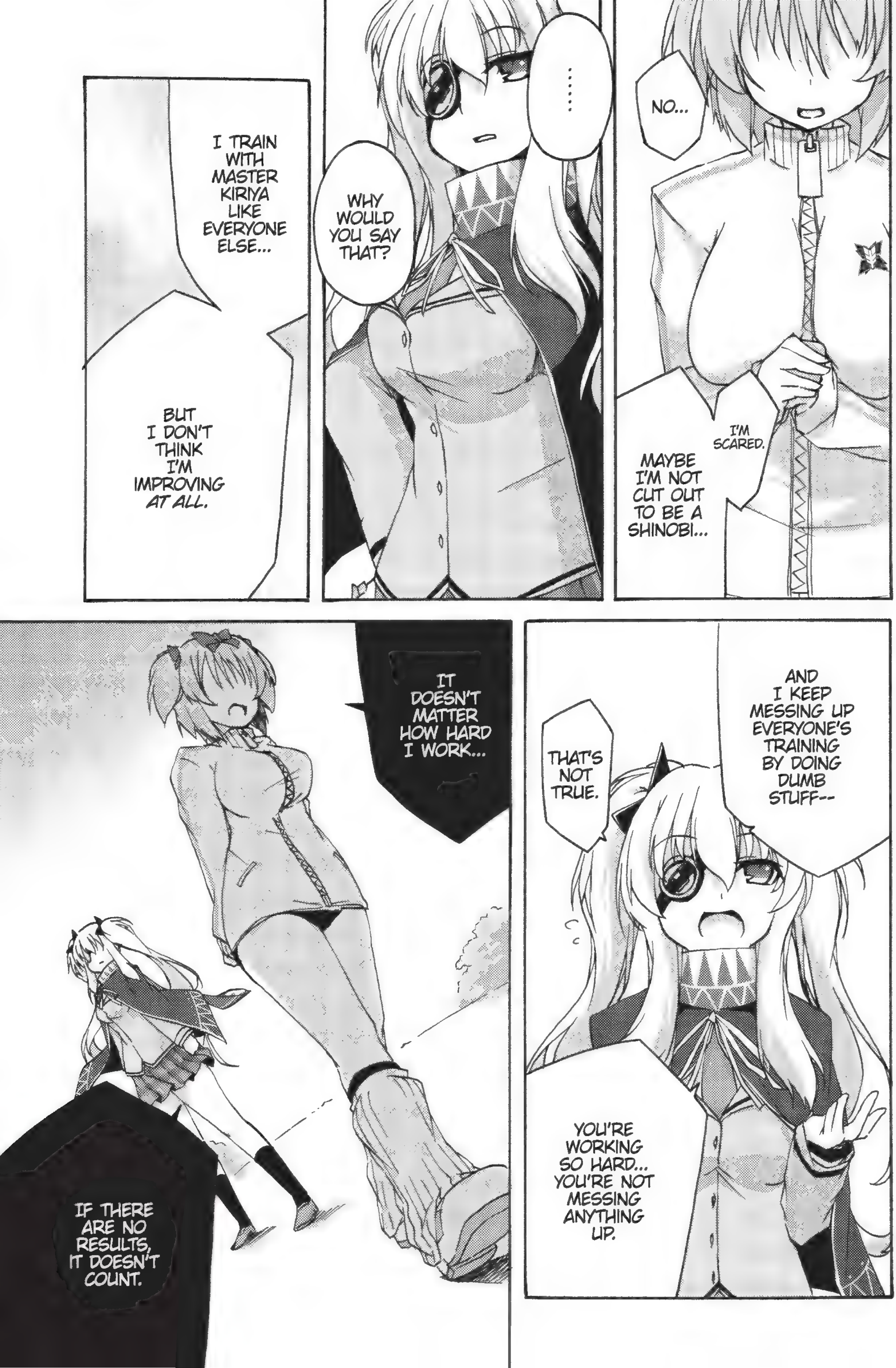
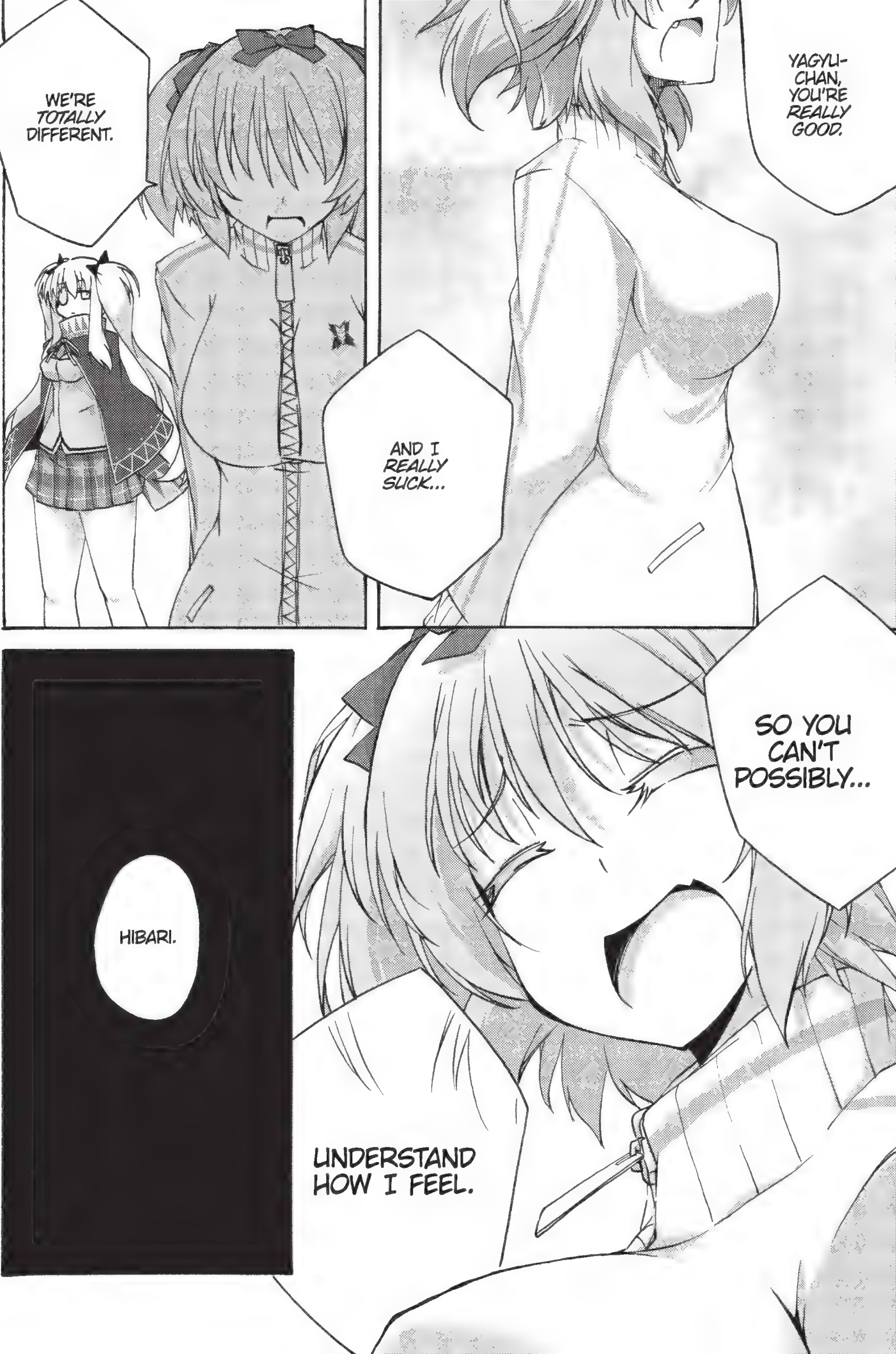
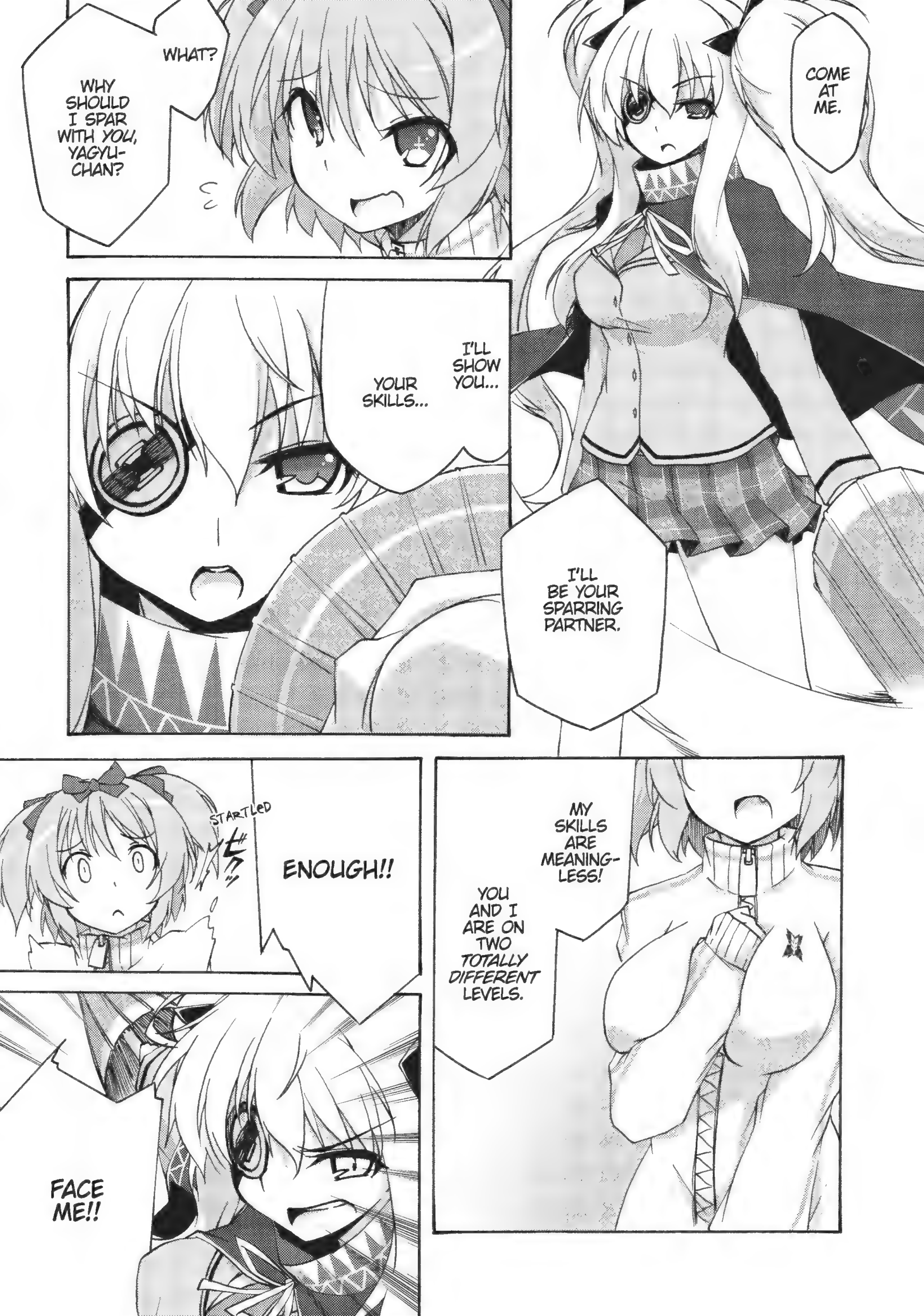
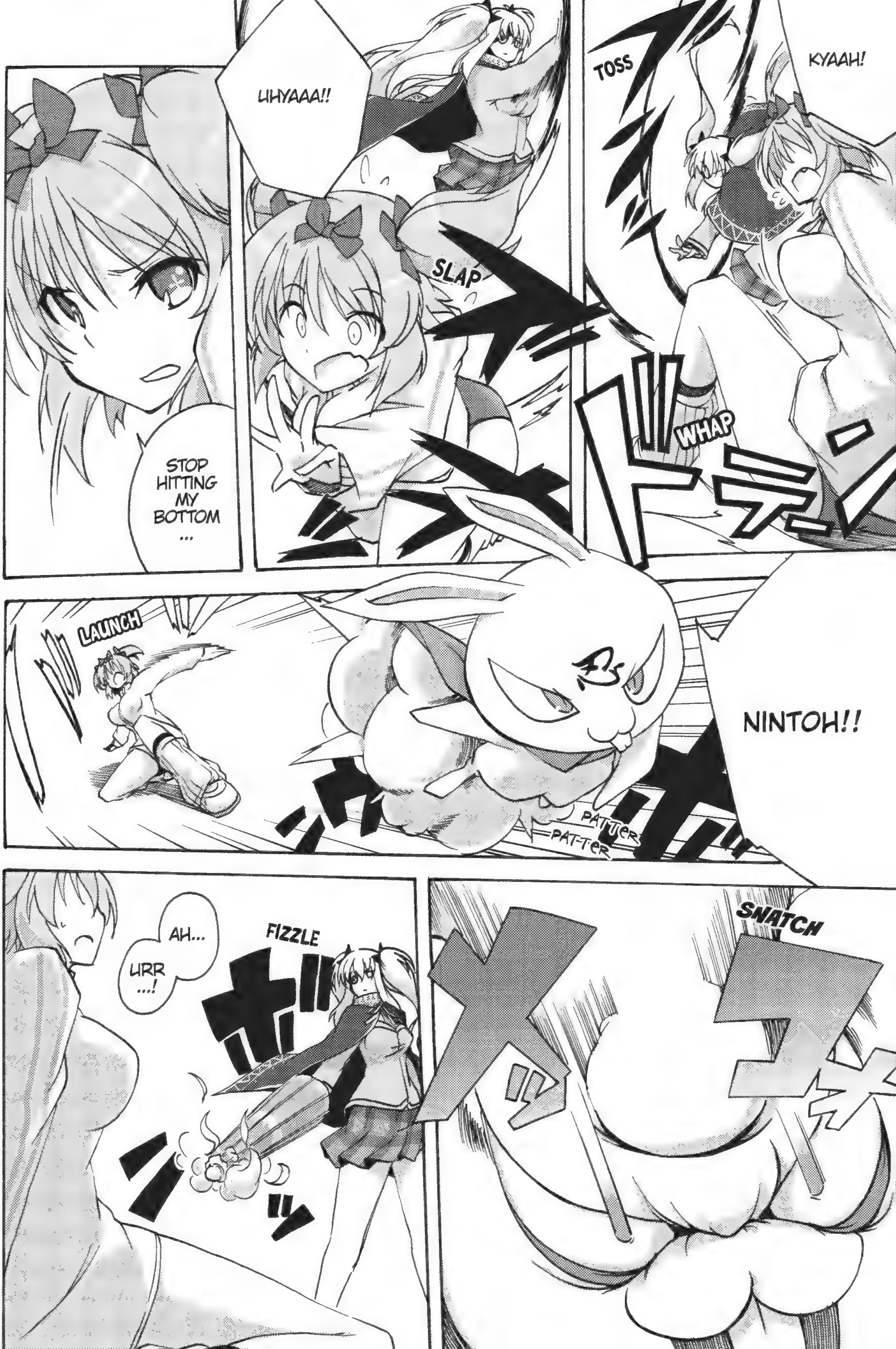
ALL RIGHT...
SMILE
I ACCEPT YOUR REQUEST...
LET'S START TRAINING!!
LET'S GO!!

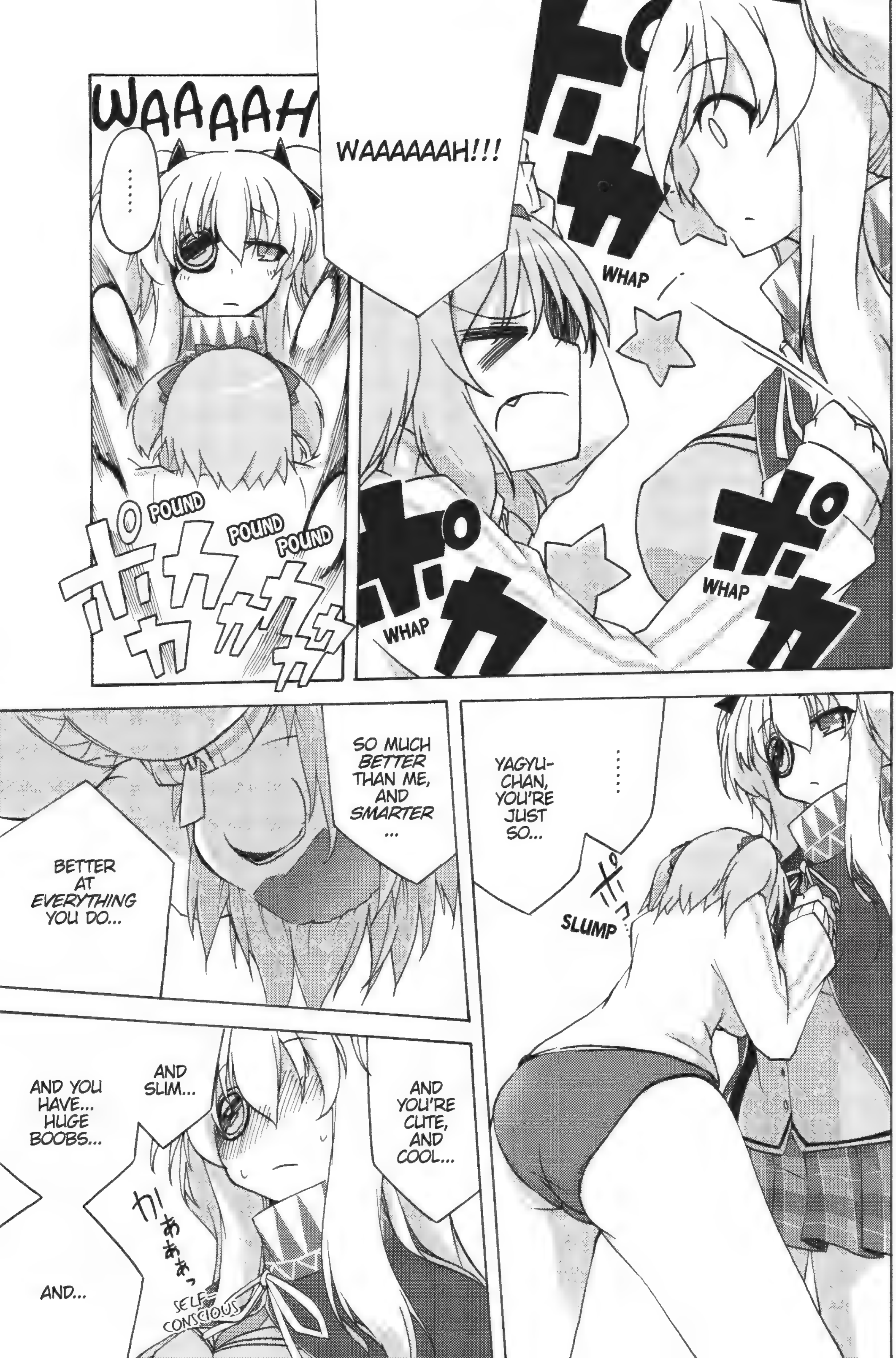

はぁ…
WHEW...
ミ
I...
WHAT?
SOME-THING WRONG?
DOES YOUR...
STOMACH HURT...?
ジト…
GLANCE

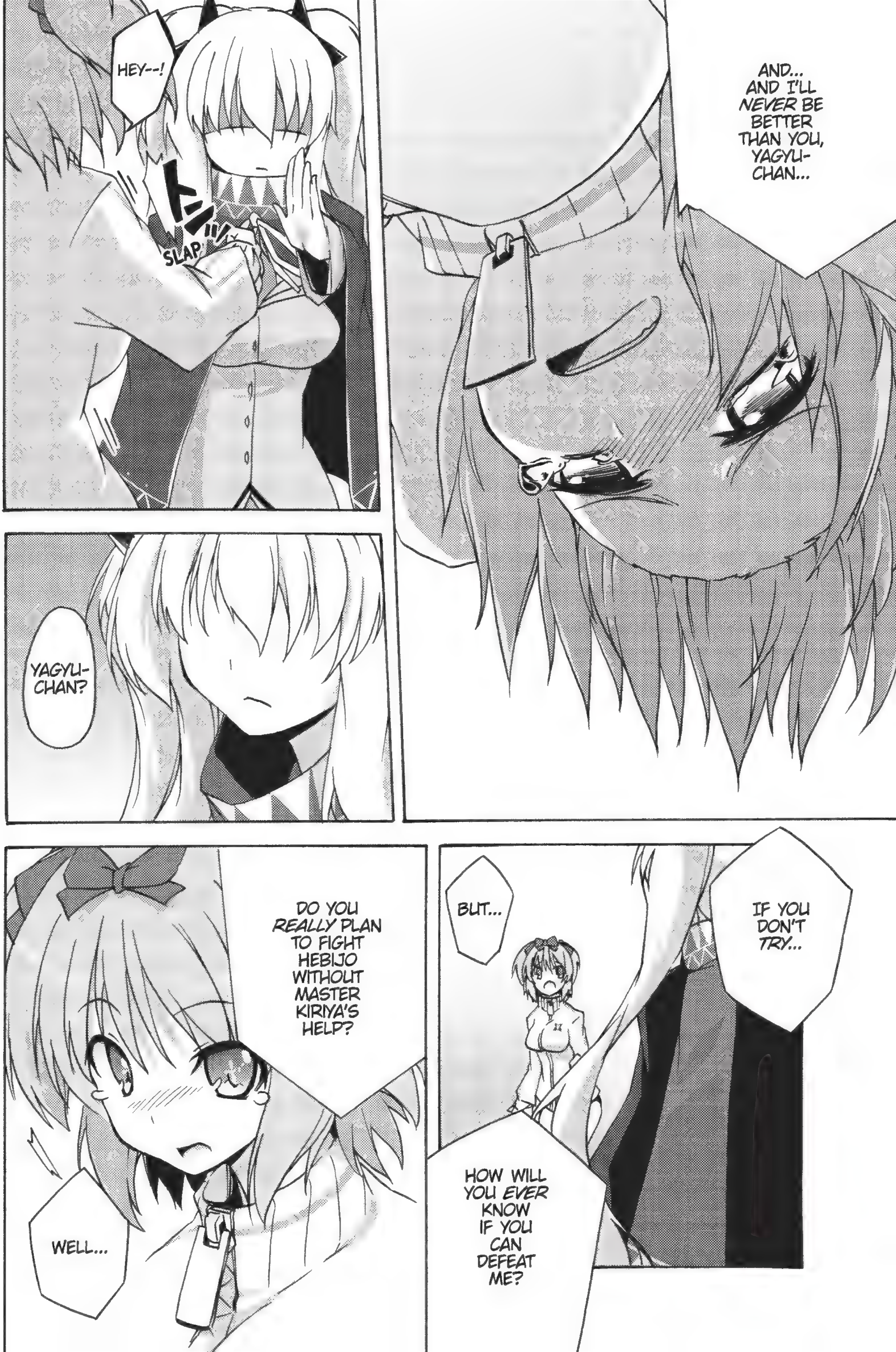

NO...
I'M SCARED.
MAYBE I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE A SHINOBI...
......
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
I TRAIN WITH MASTER KIRIYA LIKE EVERYONE ELSE...
BUT I DON'T THINK I'M IMPROVING *AT ALL.*
AND I KEEP MESSING UP EVERYONE'S TRAINING BY DOING DUMB STUFF--
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
YOU'RE WORKING SO HARD... YOU'RE NOT MESSING ANYTHING UP.
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HARD I WORK...
IF THERE ARE NO RESULTS, IT DOESN'T COUNT.

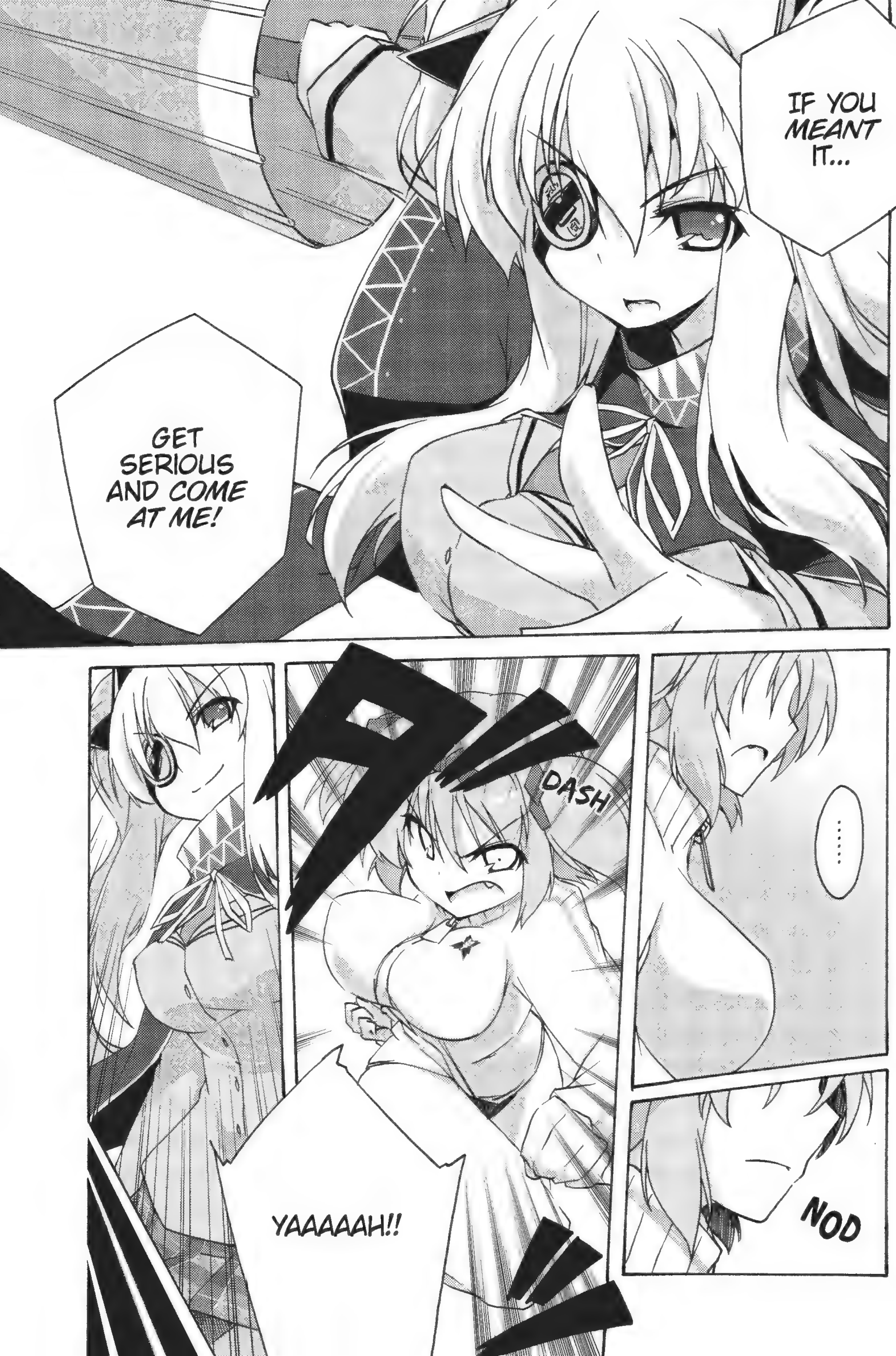

YAGYU-CHAN, YOU'RE *REALLY* GOOD.
AND I *REALLY* SUCK...
WE'RE *TOTALLY* DIFFERENT.
SO YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY...
UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL.
HIBARI.

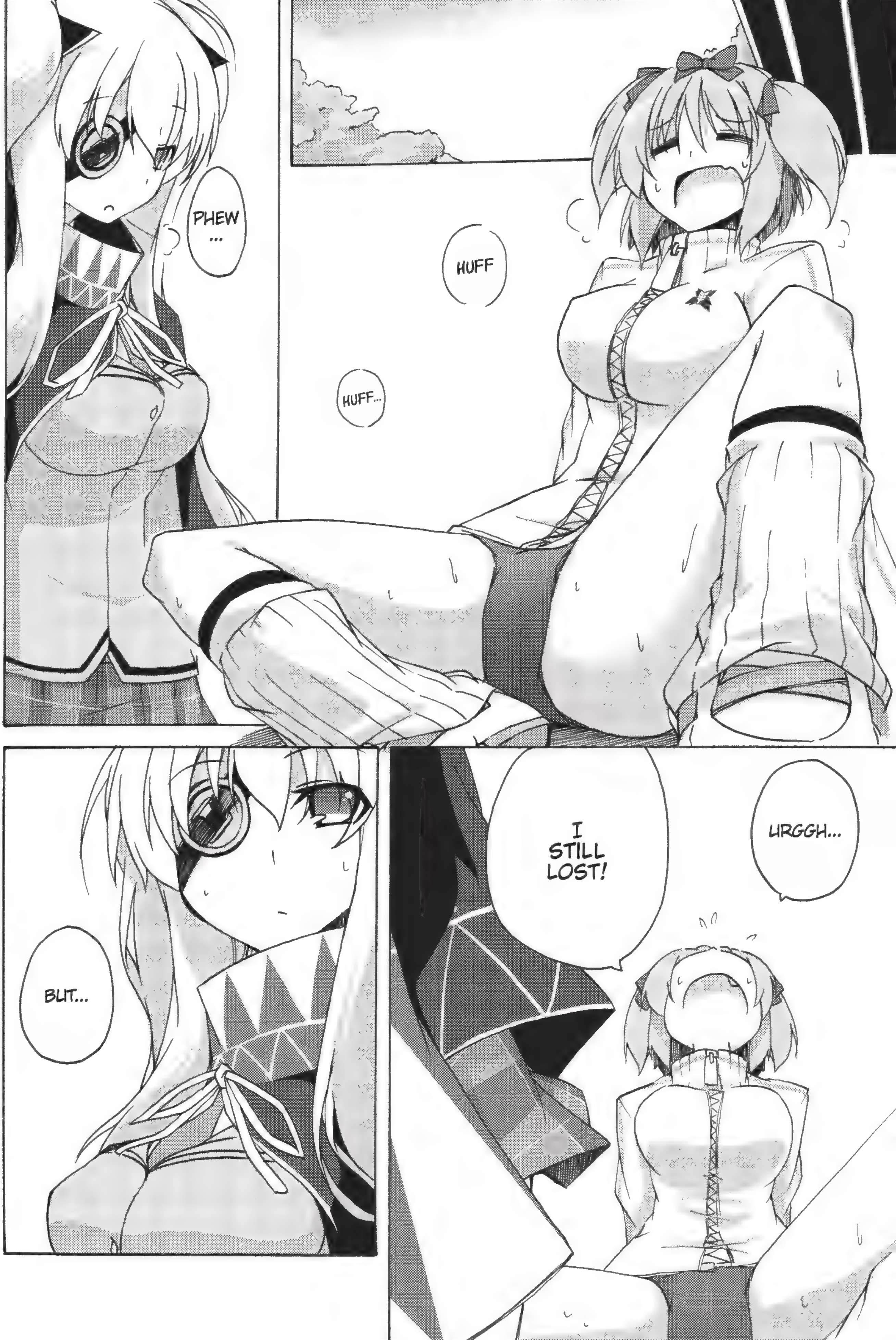

COME AT ME.
WHAT?
WHY SHOULD I SPAR WITH *YOU*, YAGYU-CHAN?
I'LL BE YOUR SPARRING PARTNER.
I'LL SHOW YOU...
YOUR SKILLS...
MY SKILLS ARE MEANINGLESS!
YOU AND I ARE ON TWO *TOTALLY DIFFERENT* LEVELS.
ENOUGH!!
STARTLED
FACE ME!!

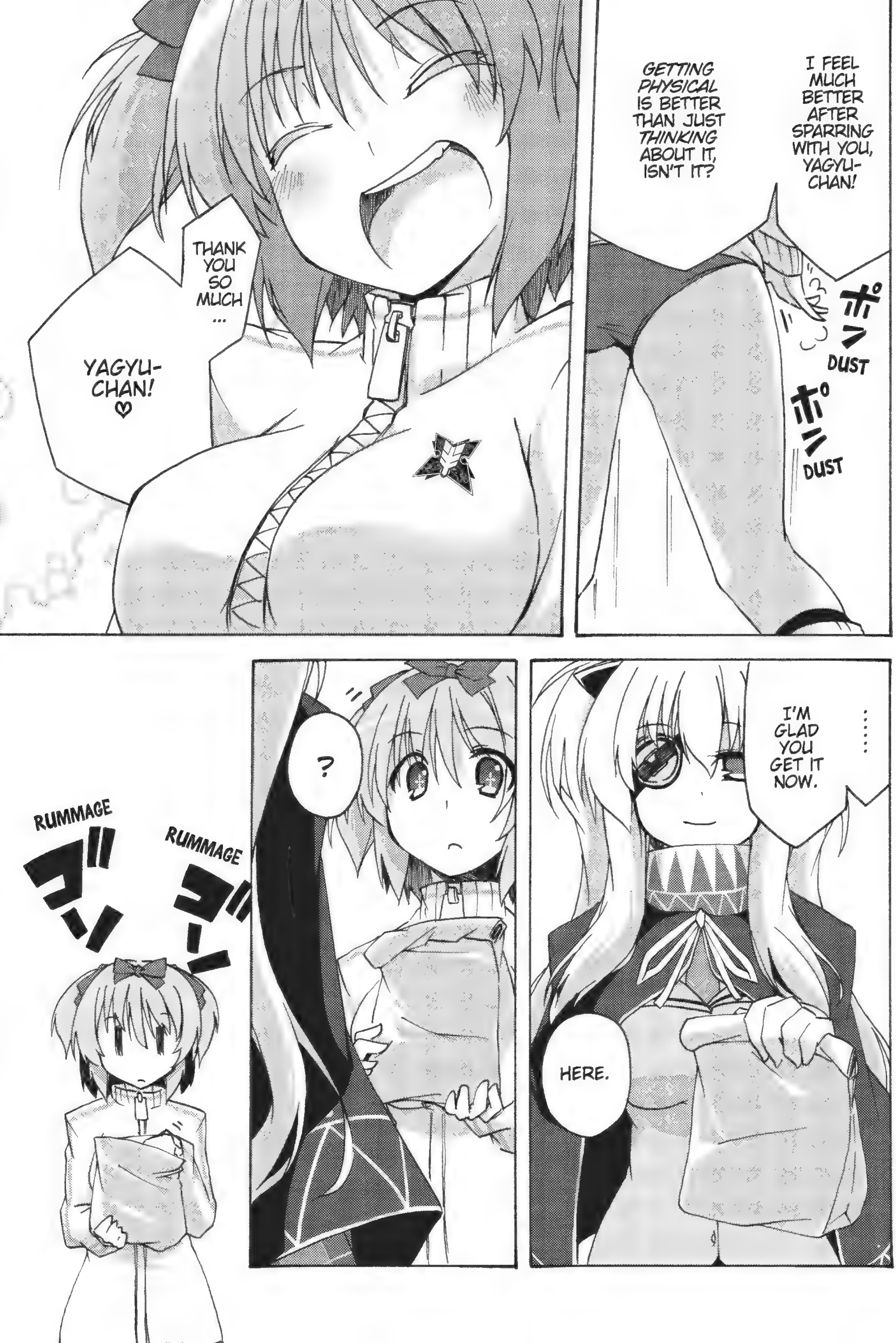

KYAAH!
TOSS
WHAP
UHYAAA!!
SLAP
STOP HITTING MY BOTTOM ...
NINTOH!!
LAUNCH
PATTER
PAT-TER
SNATCH
FIZZLE
AH...
URR ...!

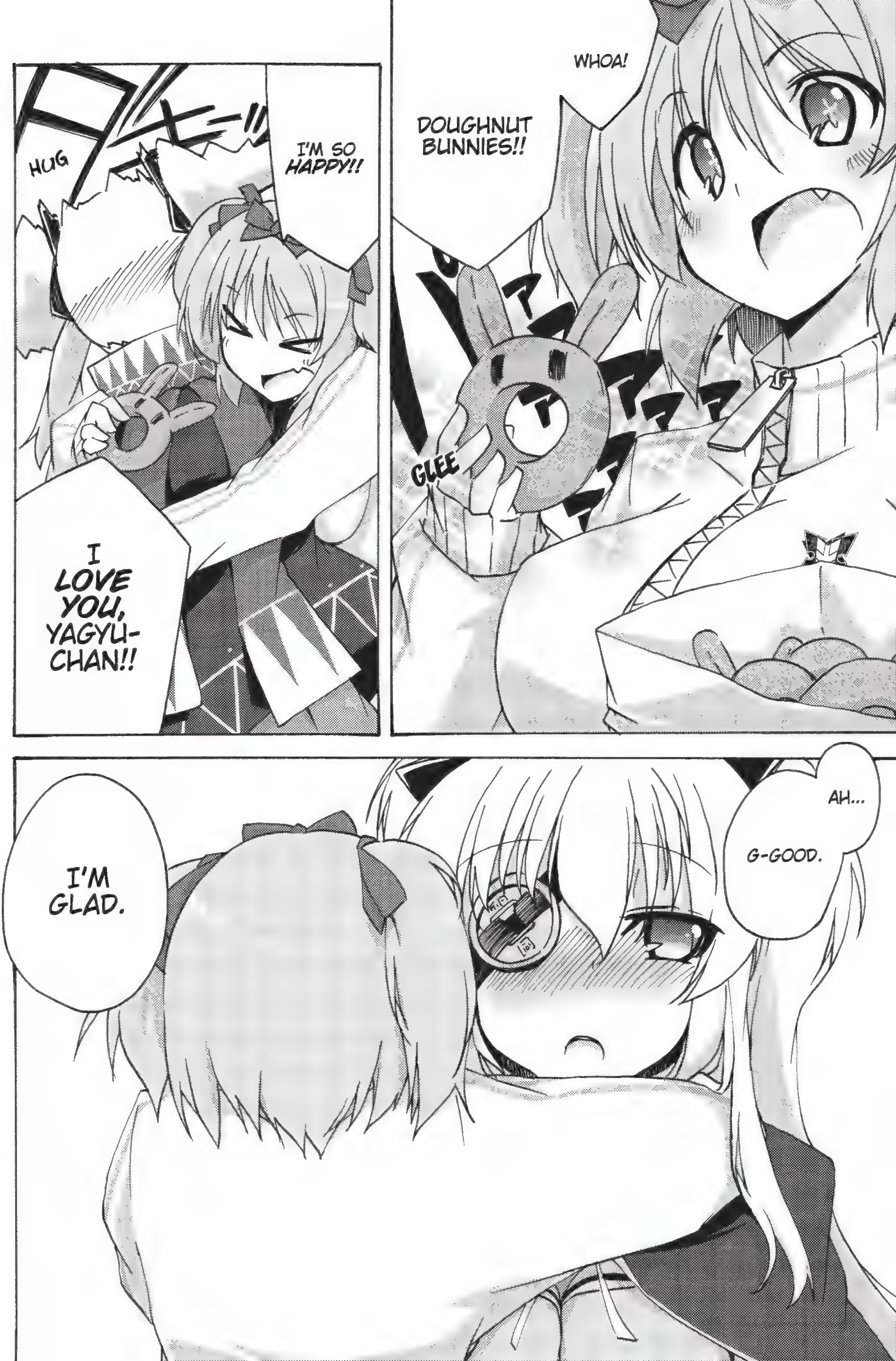

ポカ
WHAP
ポカ
WHAP
ポカ
WHAP
WAAAAAAH!!!
WAAAAH
……
POUND
POUND
POUND
ポカカカカカカ
……
YAGYU-CHAN, YOU'RE JUST SO...
ポフ…
SLUMP
SO MUCH BETTER THAN ME, AND SMARTER...
BETTER AT EVERYTHING YOU DO...
AND YOU'RE CUTE, AND COOL...
AND SLIM...
AND YOU HAVE... HUGE BOOBS...
AND...
かあああっ
SELF-CONSCIOUS

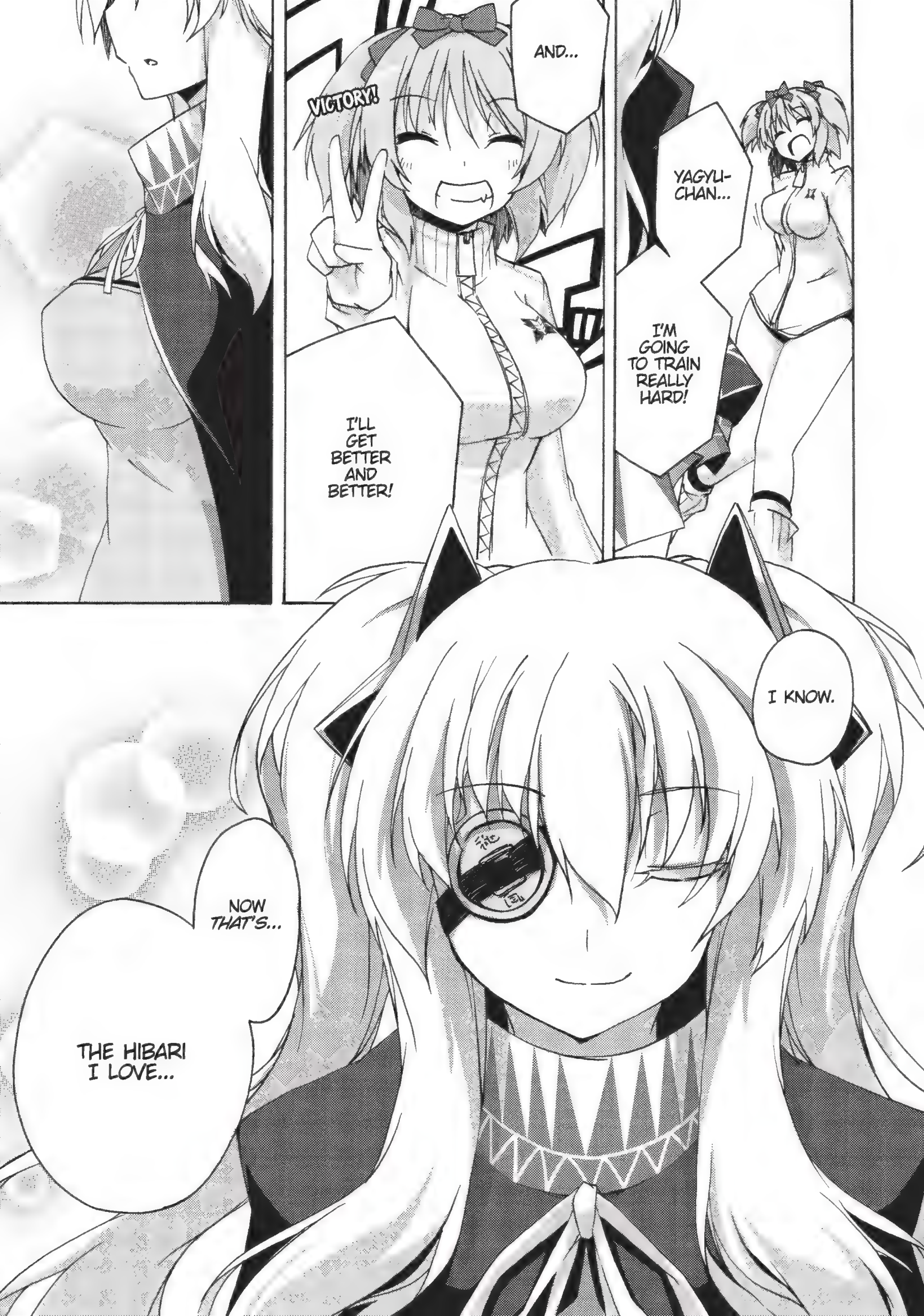

AND... AND I'LL *NEVER* BE BETTER THAN YOU, YAGYU-CHAN...
HEY--!
SLAP
YAGYU-CHAN?
IF YOU DON'T *TRY*...
BUT...
HOW WILL YOU *EVER* KNOW IF YOU CAN DEFEAT ME?
DO YOU *REALLY* PLAN TO FIGHT HEBIJO WITHOUT MASTER KIRIYA'S HELP?
WELL...

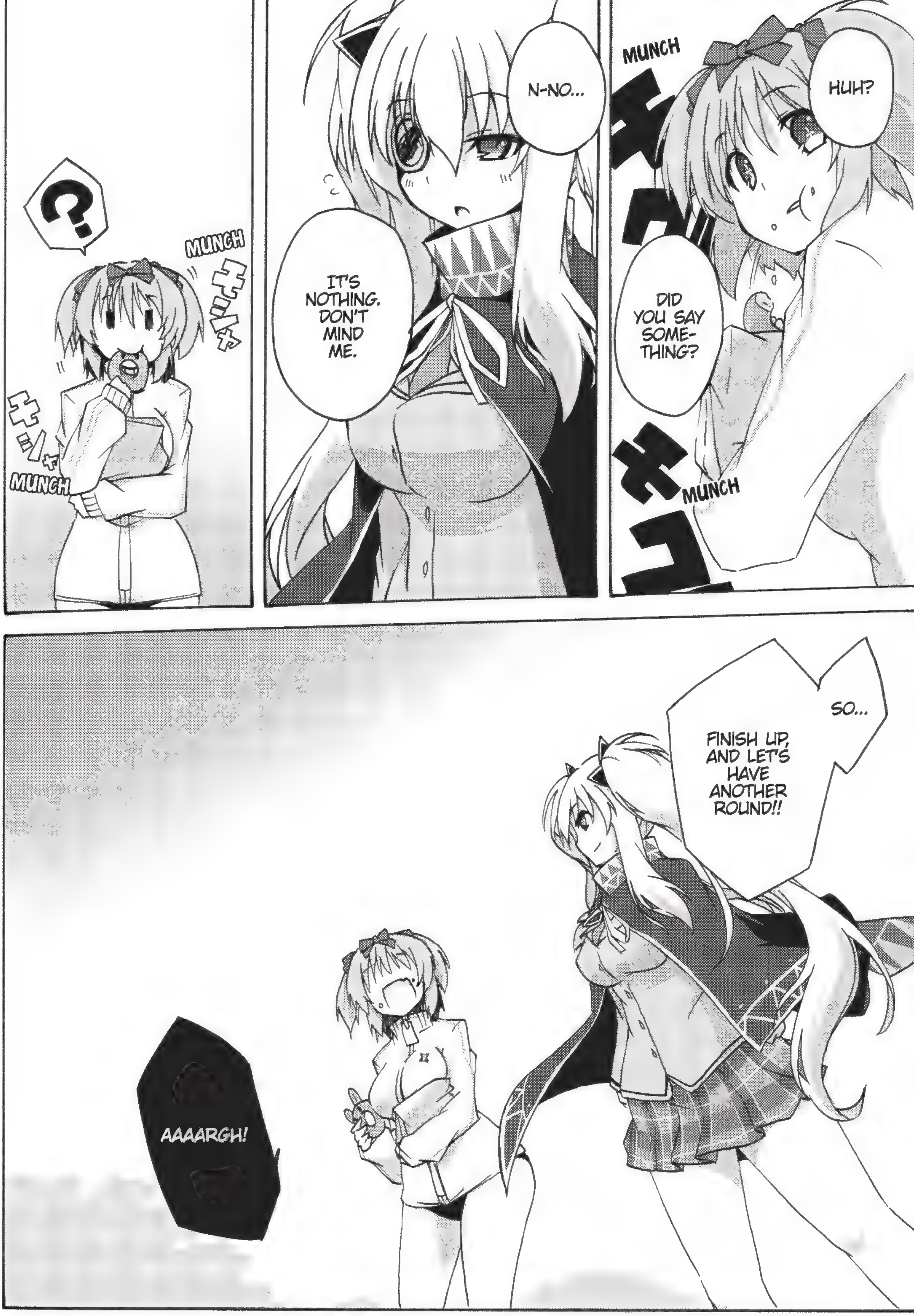

IF YOU MEANT IT...
GET SERIOUS AND COME AT ME!
......
NOD
DASH
YAAAAAH!!


HUFF
HUFF...
PHEW ...
URGGH...
I STILL LOST!
BUT...

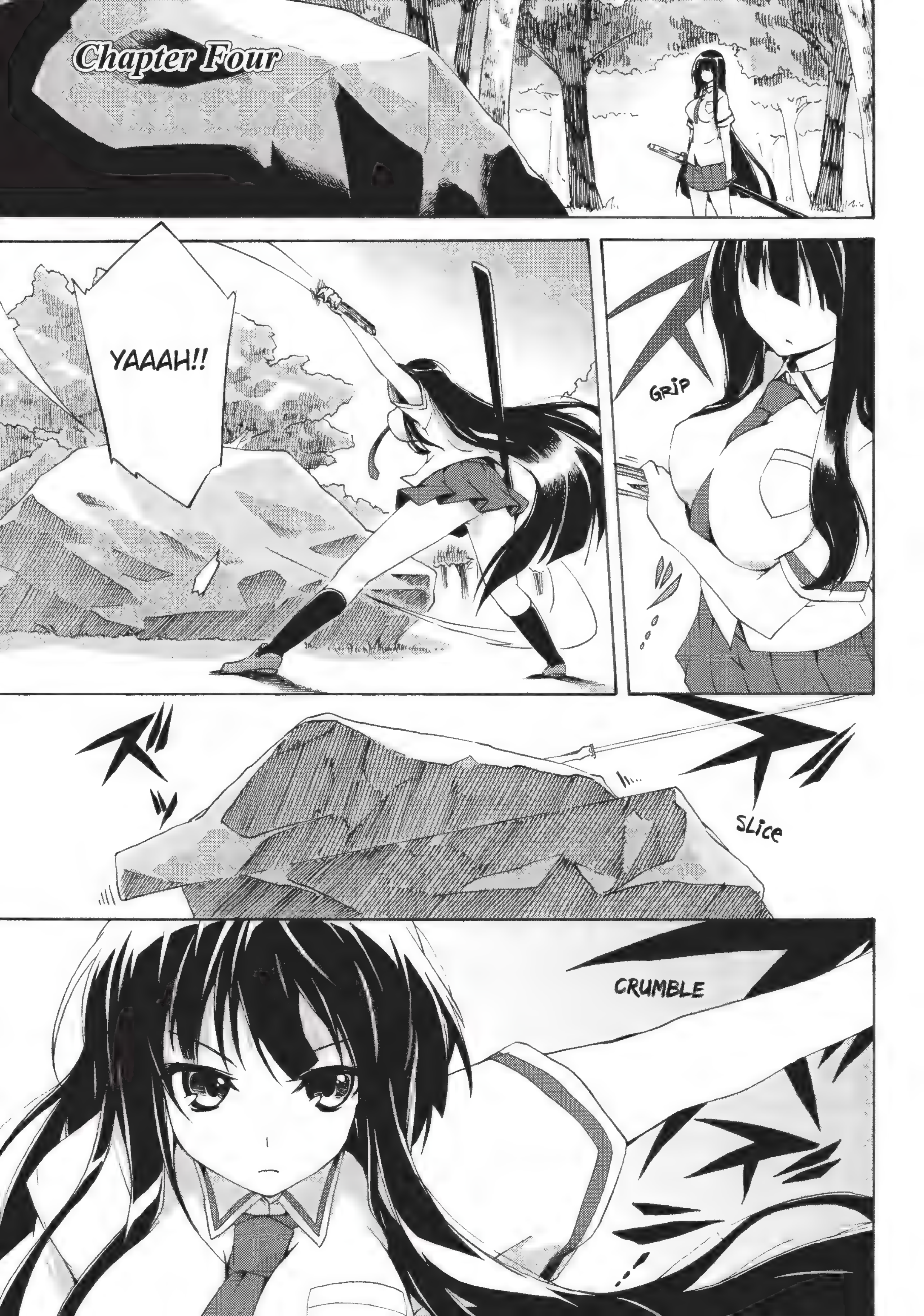

I FEEL MUCH BETTER AFTER SPARRING WITH YOU, YAGYU-CHAN!
GETTING PHYSICAL IS BETTER THAN JUST *THINKING* ABOUT IT, ISN'T IT?
ポン DUST
ポン DUST
THANK YOU SO MUCH ...
YAGYU-CHAN! ♡
......
I'M GLAD YOU GET IT NOW.
HERE.
?
RUMMAGE ゴソ
RUMMAGE ゴソ

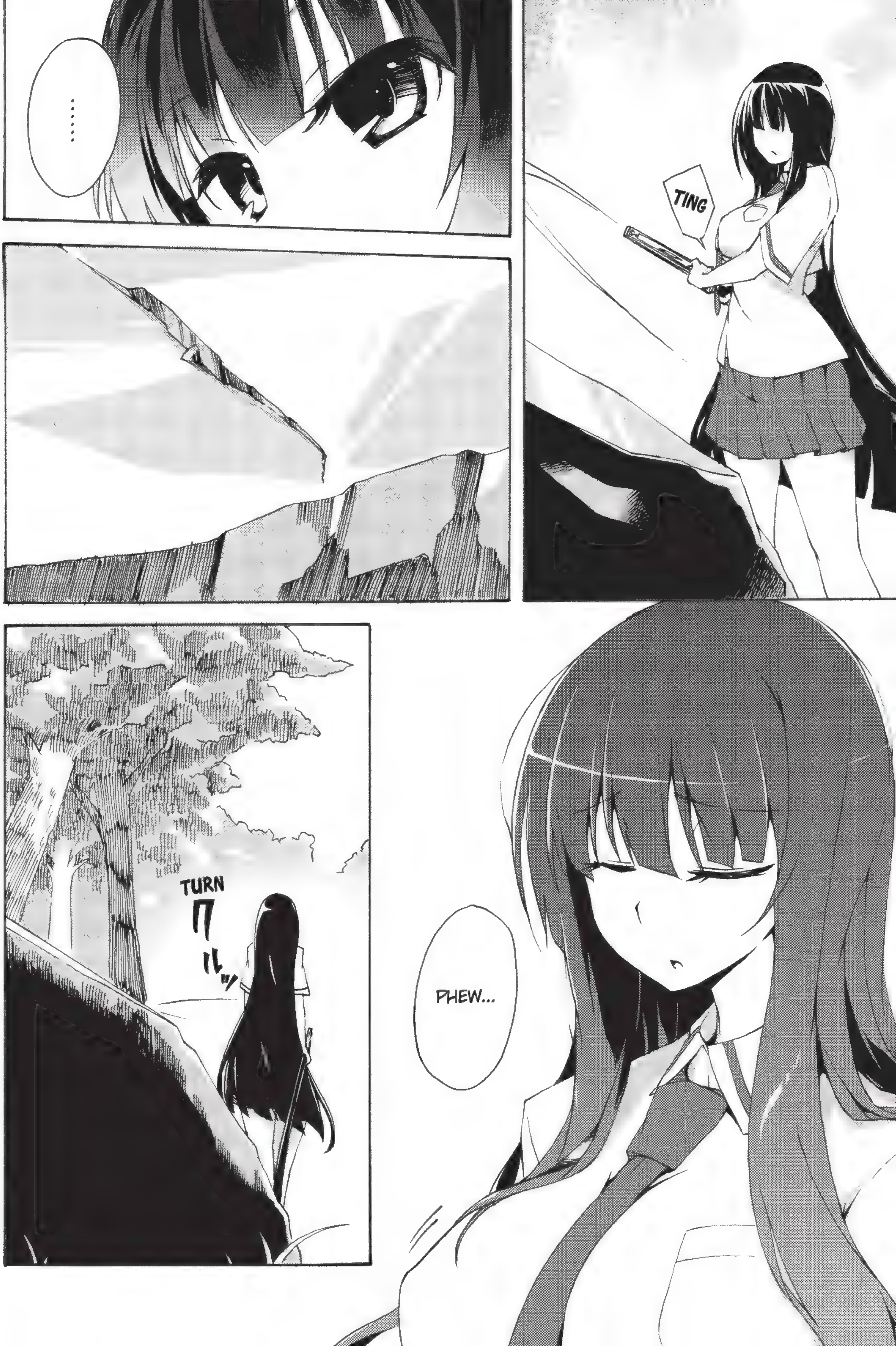

WHOA!
DOUGHNUT BUNNIES!!
GLEE
I'M SO HAPPY!!
HUG
I LOVE YOU, YAGYU-CHAN!!
AH...
G-GOOD.
I'M GLAD.

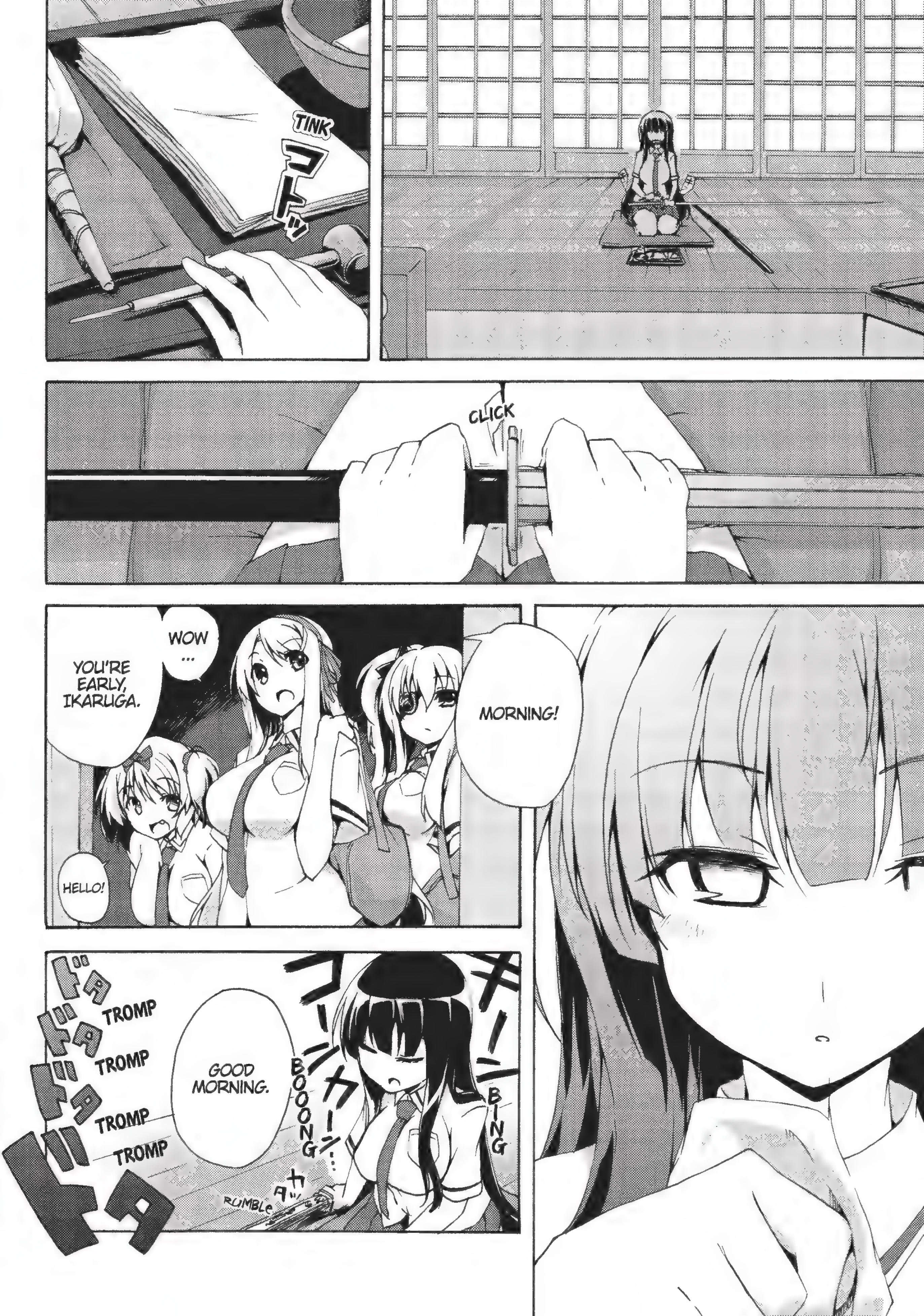

YAGYU-CHAN...
I'M GOING TO TRAIN REALLY HARD!
AND...
I'LL GET BETTER AND BETTER!
VICTORY!
I KNOW.
NOW THAT'S...
THE HIBARI I LOVE...

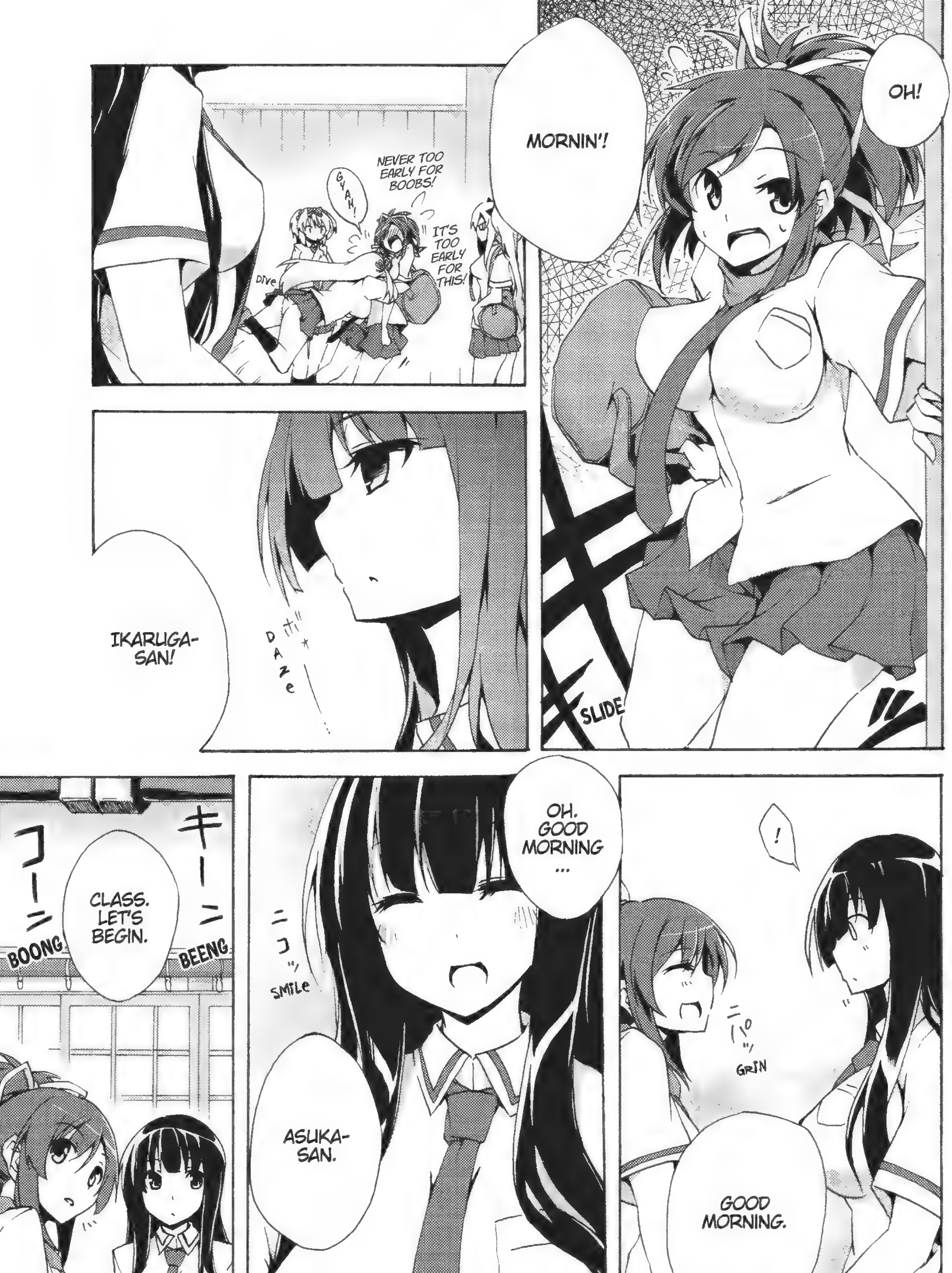

MUNCH
HUH?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
MUNCH
N-NO...
IT'S NOTHING. DON'T MIND ME.
?
MUNCH
MUNCH
SO...
FINISH UP, AND LET'S HAVE ANOTHER ROUND!!
AAAARGH!

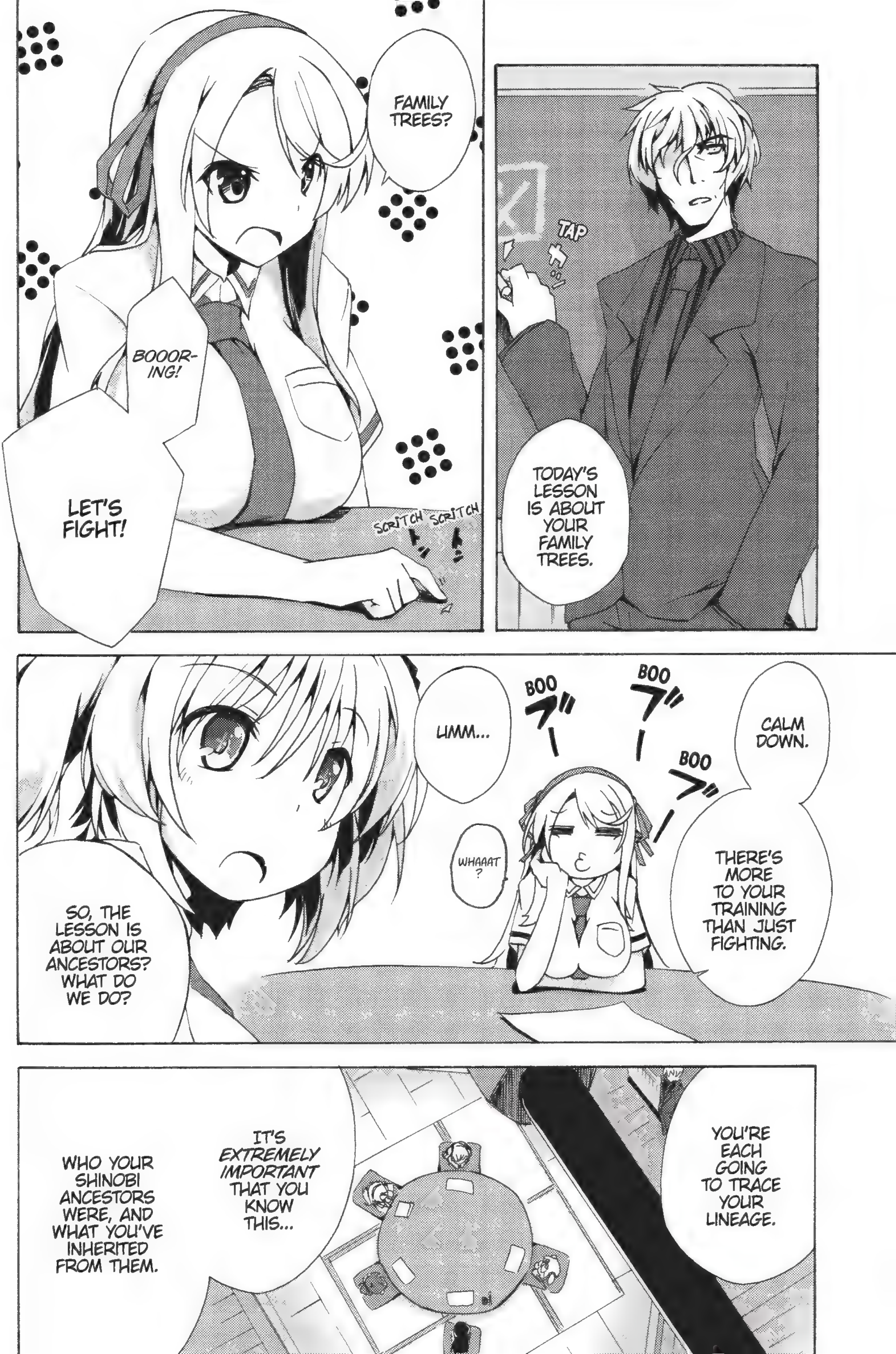
Chapter Four

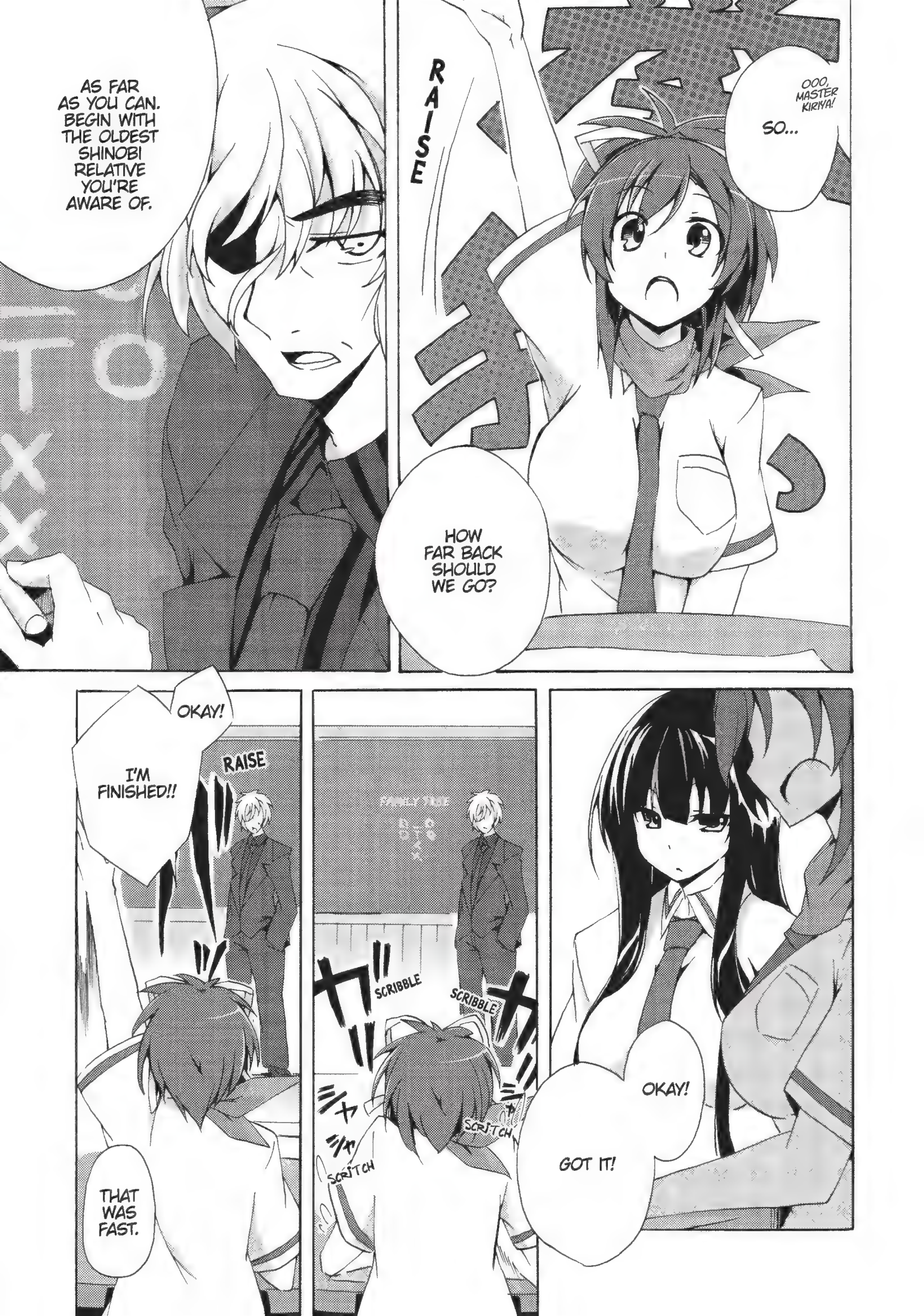

Grip
YAAAH!!
Slice
CRUMBLE

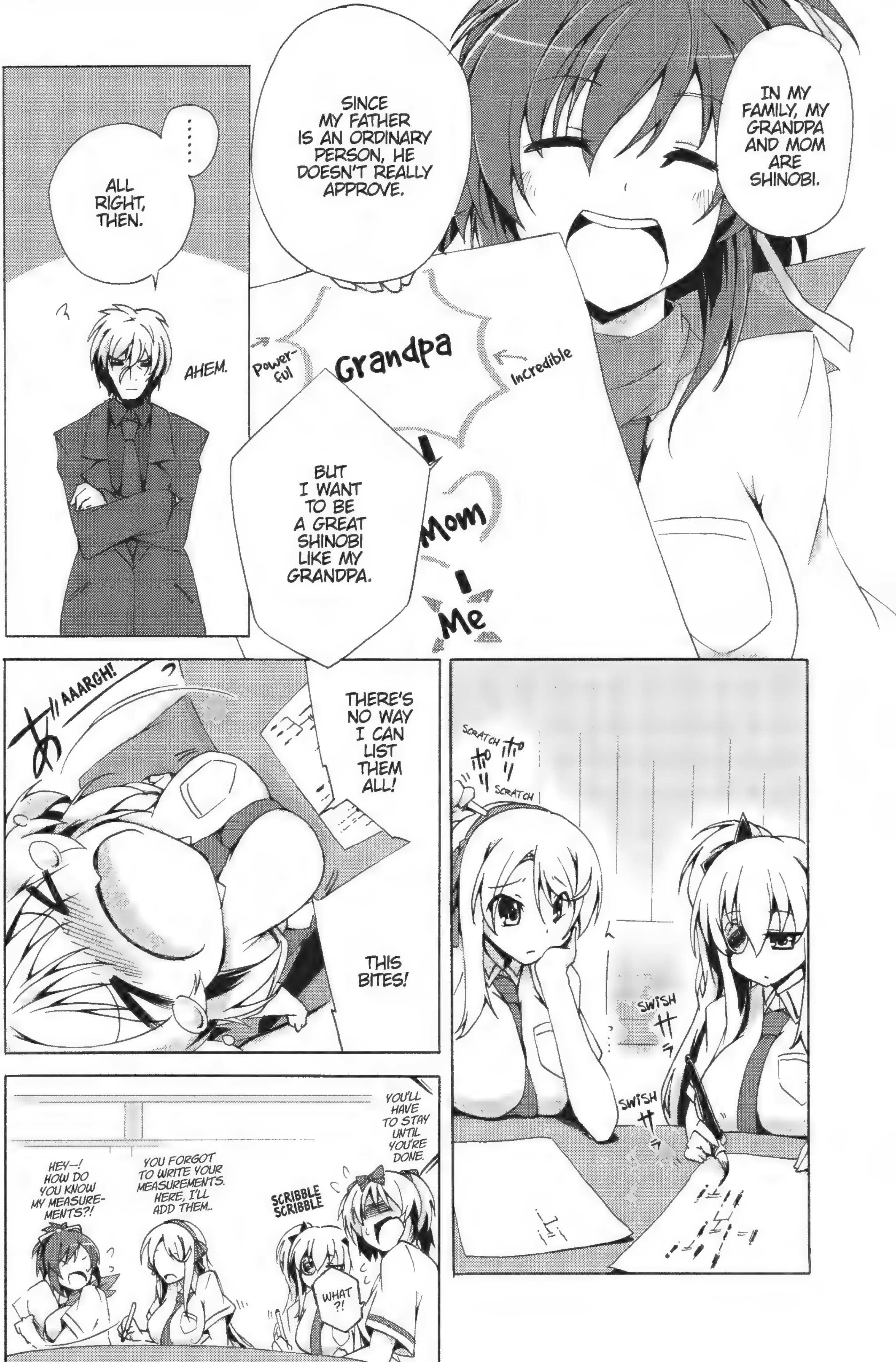

TING
……
PHEW...
TURN
クルッ

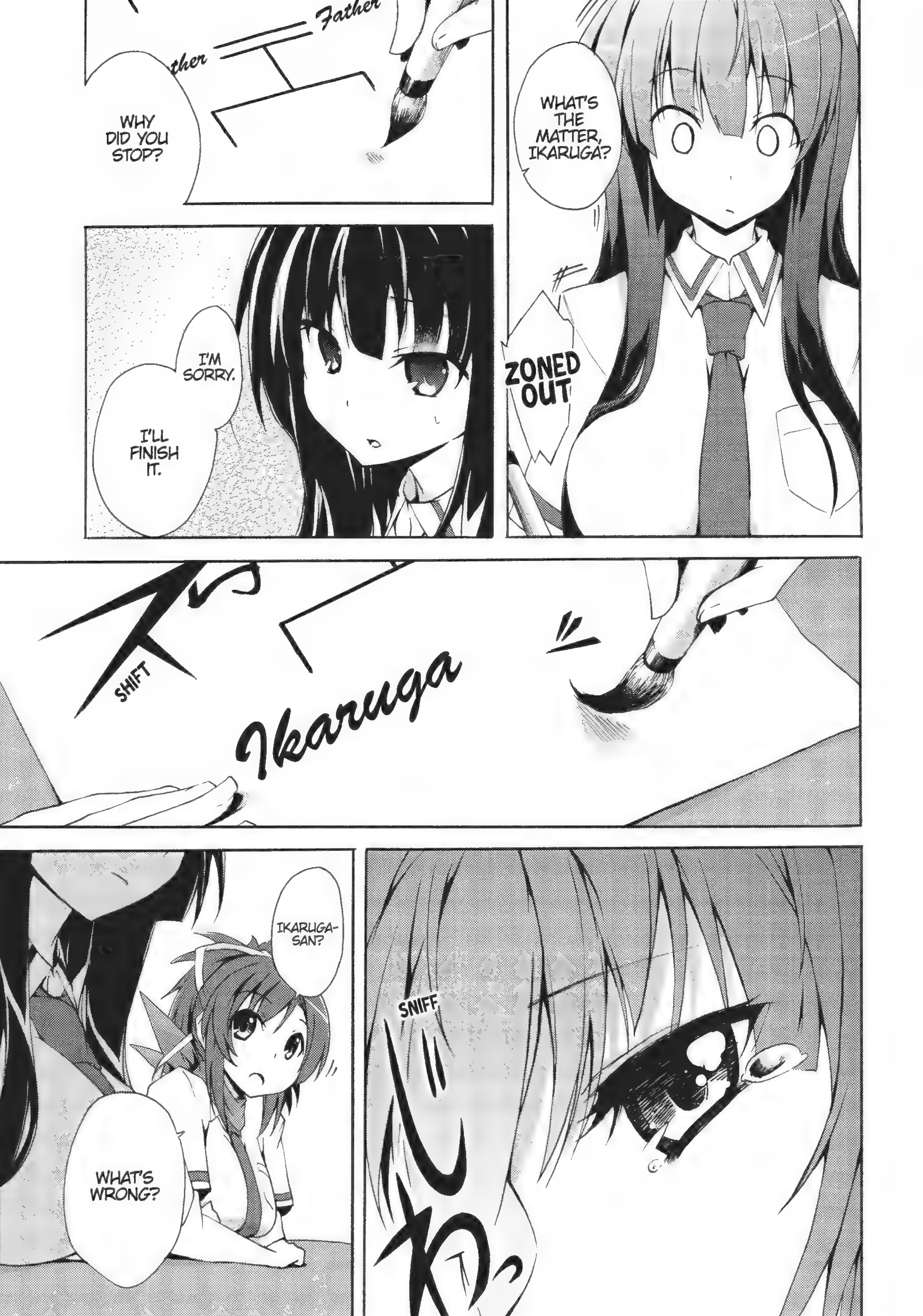

TINK
コトッ
CLICK
MORNING!
WOW ...
YOU'RE EARLY, IKARUGA.
HELLO!
BING
BOOOONG
GOOD MORNING.
RUMBLE
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP

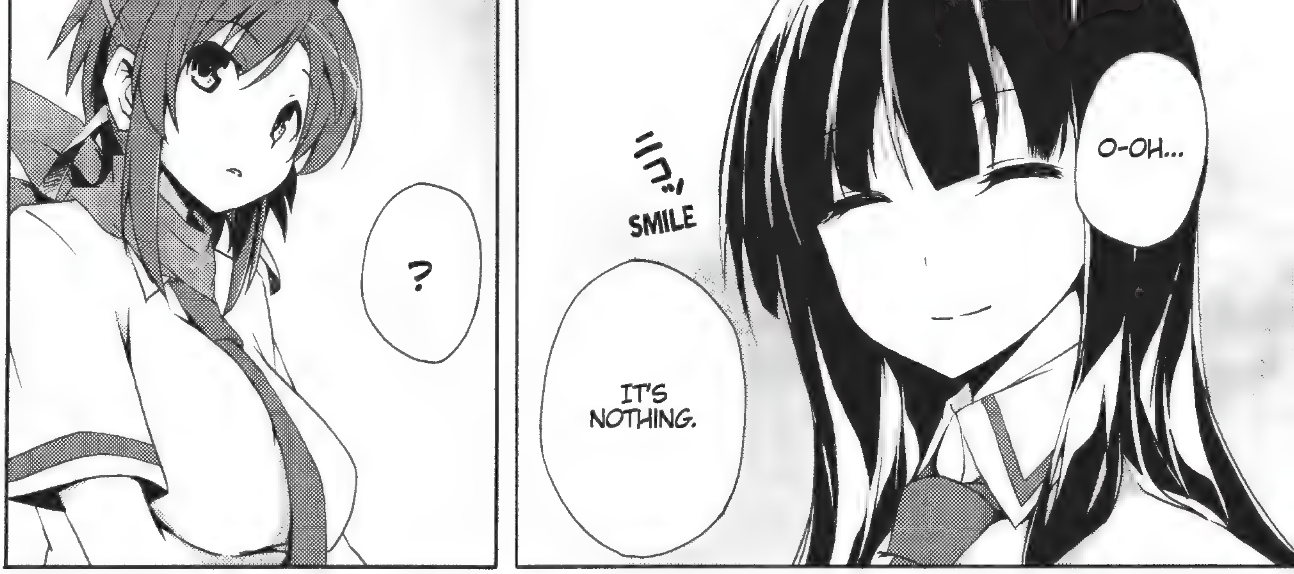

OH!
MORNIN'!
SLIDE
NEVER TOO EARLY FOR BOOBS!
GYAH!
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THIS!
Dive
DAZe
IKARUGA-SAN!
!
ニパッ
GRIN
GOOD MORNING.
OH. GOOD MORNING...
ニコッ
SMILE
ASUKA-SAN.
キーン
BEENG
コーン
BOONG
CLASS. LET'S BEGIN.

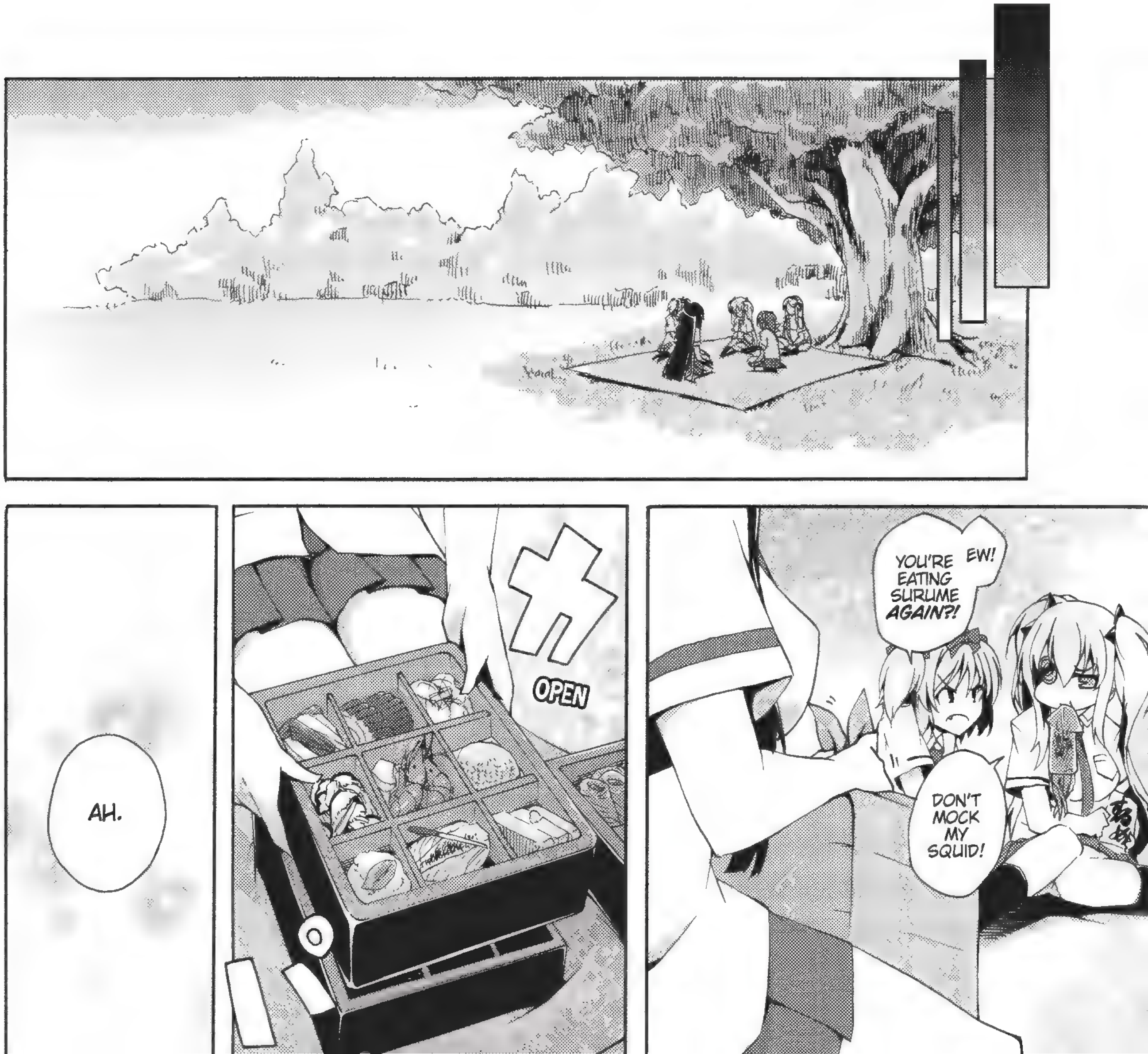

TAP
TODAY'S LESSON IS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY TREES.
FAMILY TREES?
BOOOR-ING!
LET'S FIGHT!
SCRITCH SCRITCH
CALM DOWN.
THERE'S MORE TO YOUR TRAINING THAN JUST FIGHTING.
BOO
BOO
BOO
WHAAAT?
UMM...
SO, THE LESSON IS ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS? WHAT DO WE DO?
YOU'RE EACH GOING TO TRACE YOUR LINEAGE.
IT'S *EXTREMELY IMPORTANT* THAT YOU KNOW THIS...
WHO YOUR SHINOBI ANCESTORS WERE, AND WHAT YOU'VE INHERITED FROM THEM.

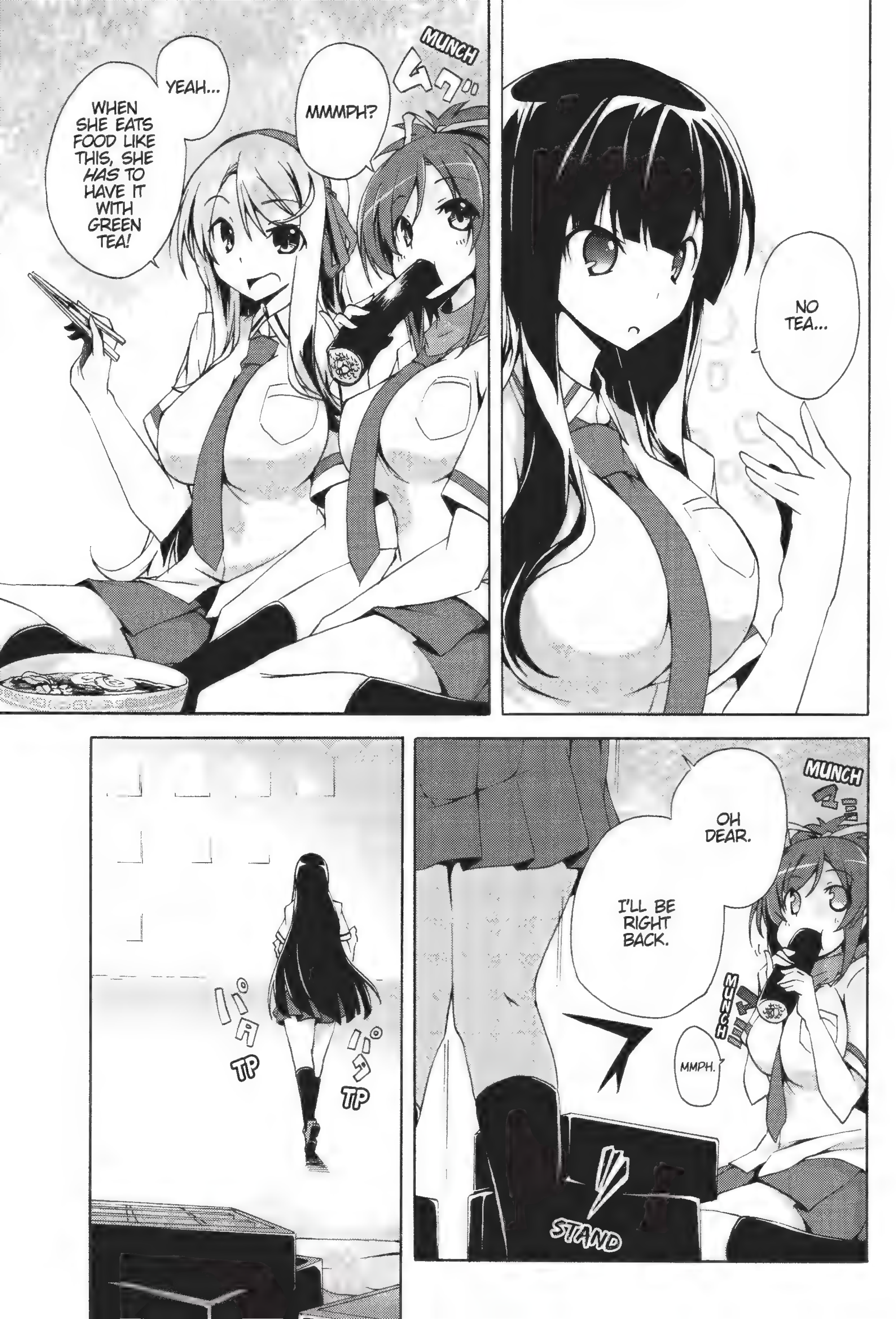

OOO, MASTER KIRIYA!
SO...
RAISE
HOW FAR BACK SHOULD WE GO?
AS FAR AS YOU CAN. BEGIN WITH THE OLDEST SHINOBI RELATIVE YOU'RE AWARE OF.
OKAY!
GOT IT!
FAMILY TREE
SCRIBBLE
SCRIBBLE
SCRITCH
SCRITCH
OKAY!
I'M FINISHED!!
RAISE
THAT WAS FAST.

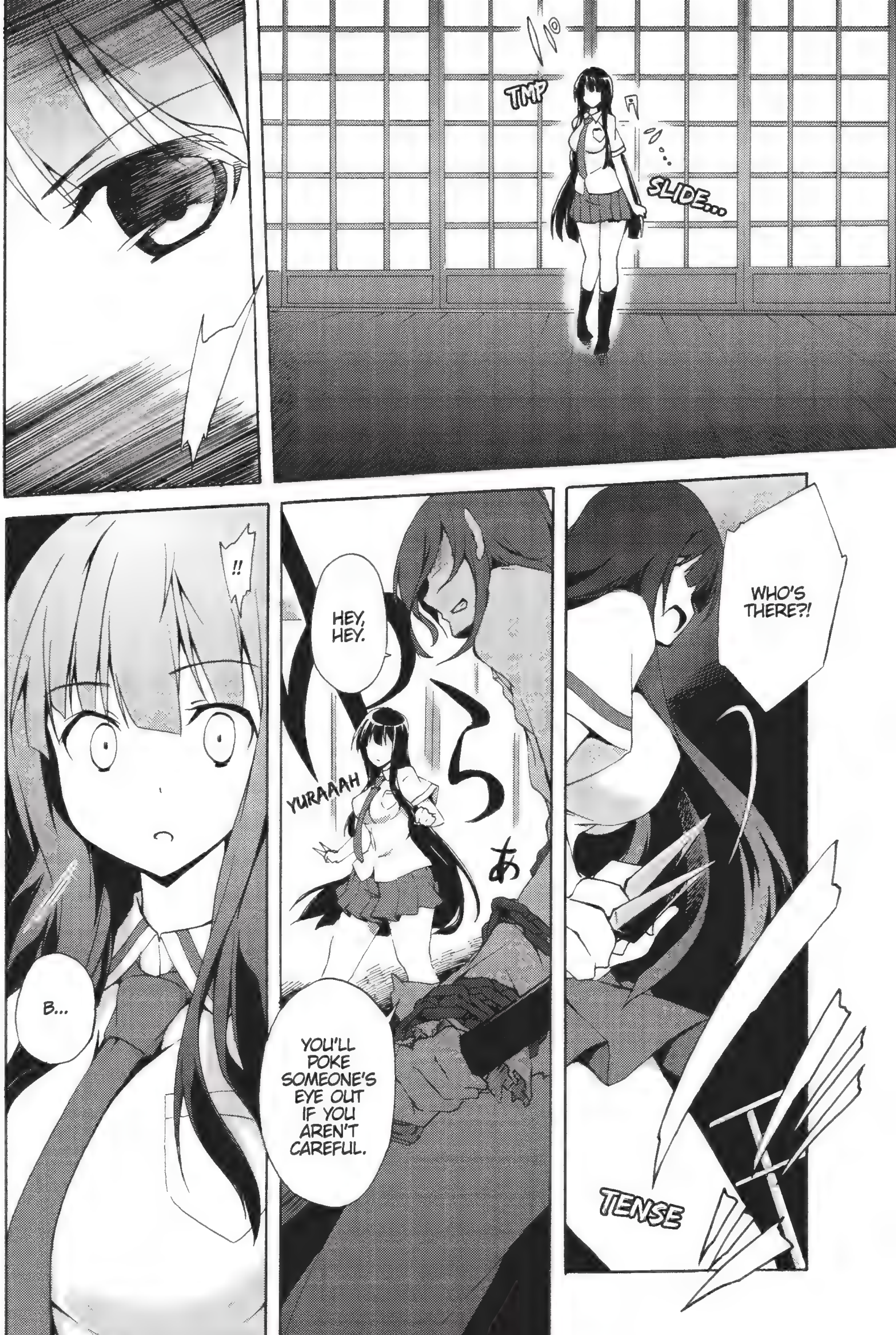

IN MY FAMILY, MY GRANDPA AND MOM ARE SHINOBI.
SINCE MY FATHER IS AN ORDINARY PERSON, HE DOESN'T REALLY APPROVE.
Grandpa
Incredible
Power-ful
Mom
Me
BUT I WANT TO BE A GREAT SHINOBI LIKE MY GRANDPA.
......
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
AHEM.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SWISH
SWISH
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LIST THEM ALL!
あ!! AAARGH!
THIS BITES!
YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY UNTIL YOU'RE DONE.
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
WHAT?!
YOU FORGOT TO WRITE YOUR MEASUREMENTS. HERE, I'LL ADD THEM...
HEY--! HOW DO YOU KNOW MY MEASUREMENTS?!

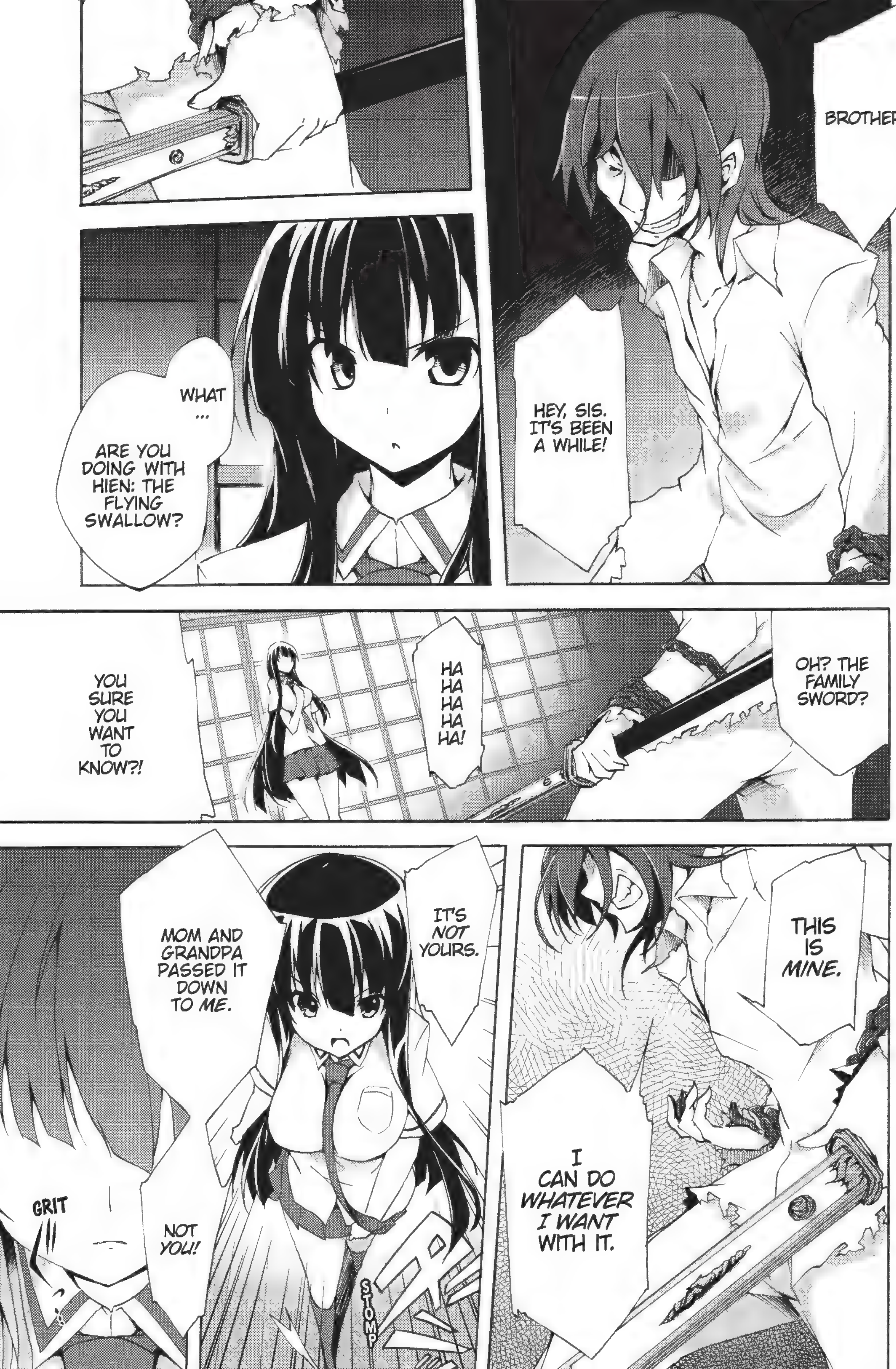

WHAT'S THE MATTER, IKARUGA?
ZONED OUT
Father
ther
WHY DID YOU STOP?
I'M SORRY.
I'LL FINISH IT.
SHIFT
Ikaruga
SNIFF
IKARUGA-SAN?
WHAT'S WRONG?

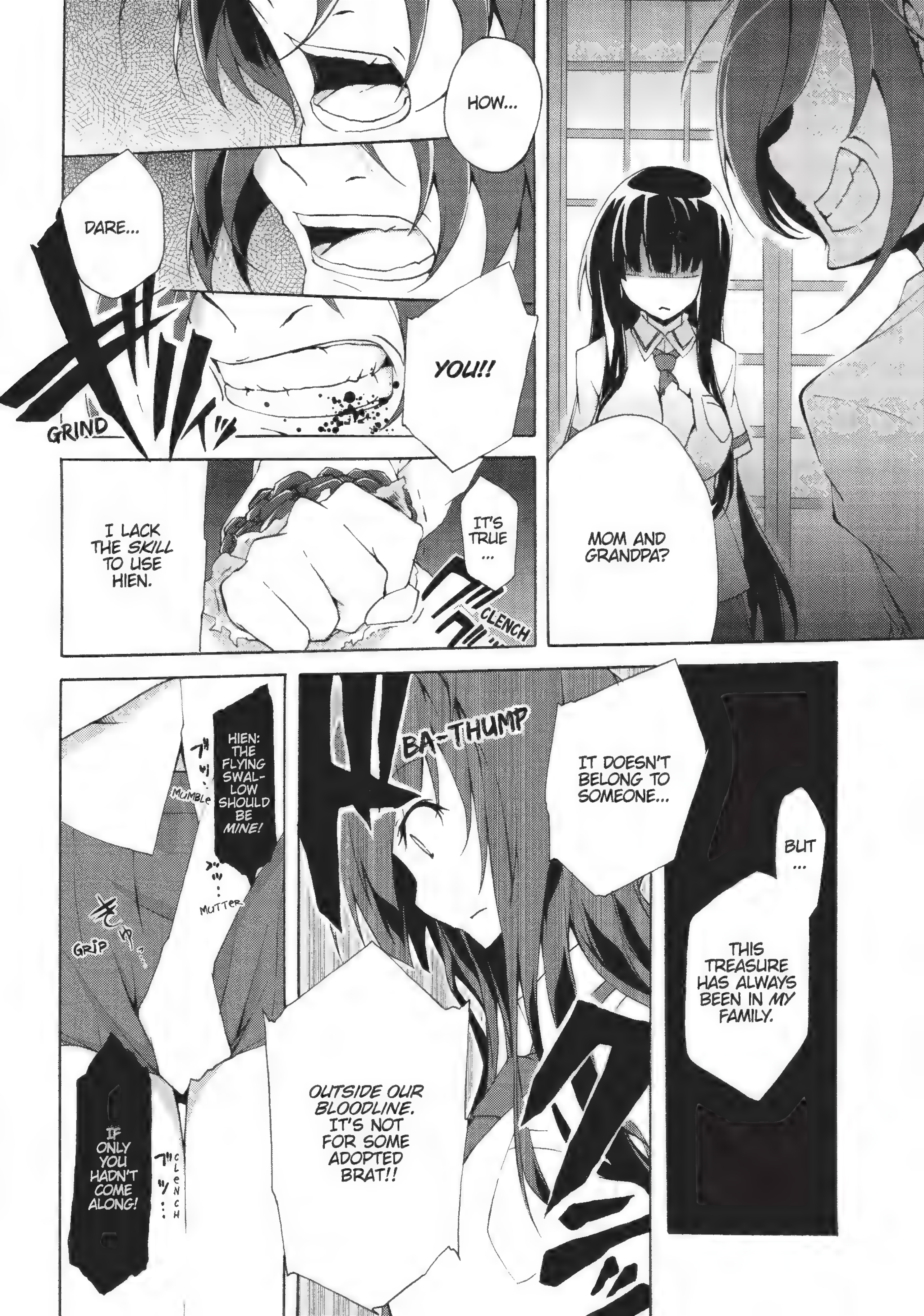

O-OH...
ニコッ
SMILE
IT'S NOTHING.
?

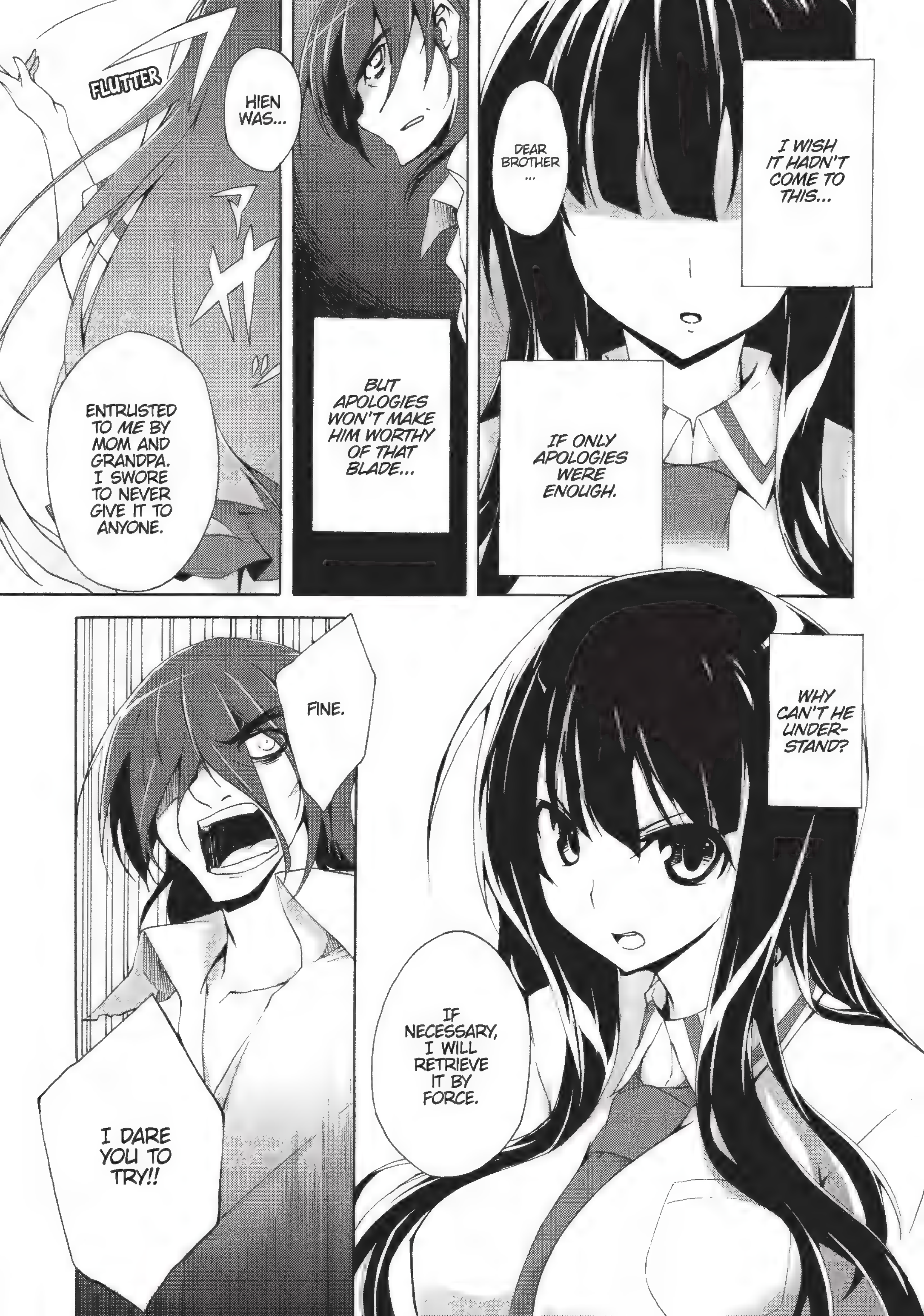

YOU'RE EATING SURUME ***AGAIN?!***
EW!
DON'T MOCK MY SQUID!
カ
OPEN
AH.

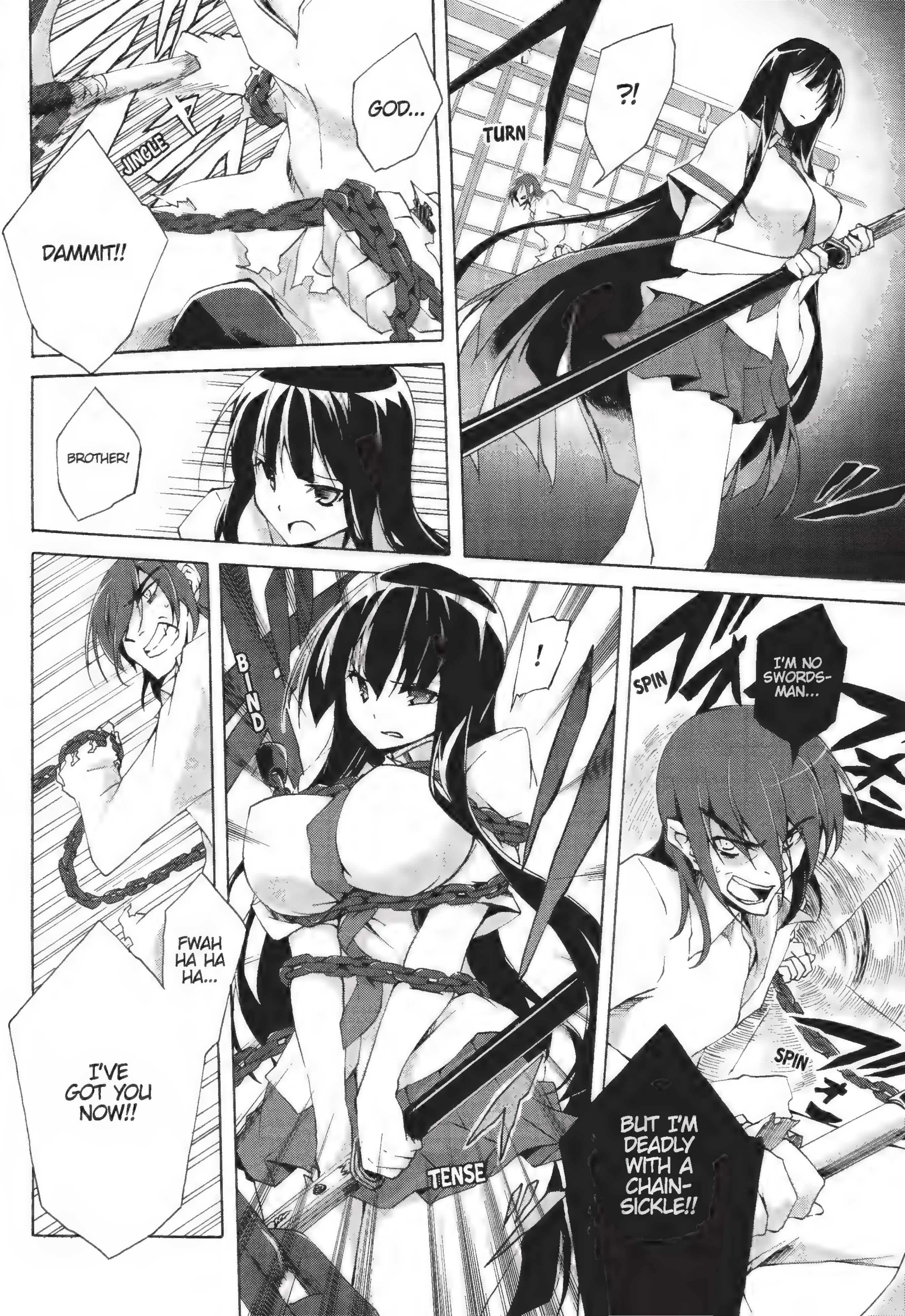

NO TEA...
MUNCH
MMMPH?
YEAH...
WHEN SHE EATS FOOD LIKE THIS, SHE *HAS* TO HAVE IT WITH GREEN TEA!
MUNCH
OH DEAR.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
MUNCH
MMPH.
STAND
TP
TP

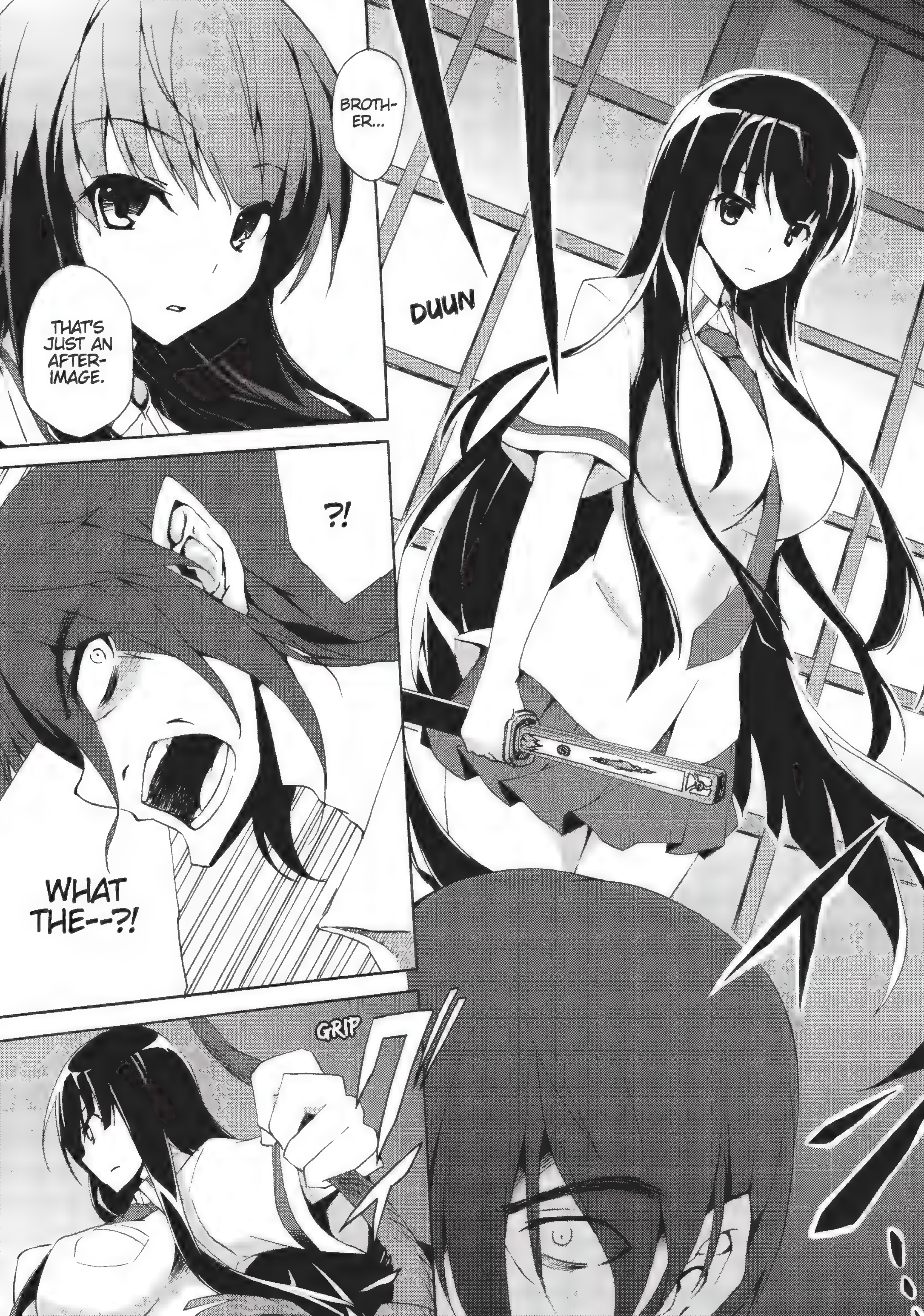

TMP
SLIDE...
WHO'S THERE?!
TENSE
HEY, HEY.
YURAAAH
YOU'LL POKE SOMEONE'S EYE OUT IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL.
!!
B...

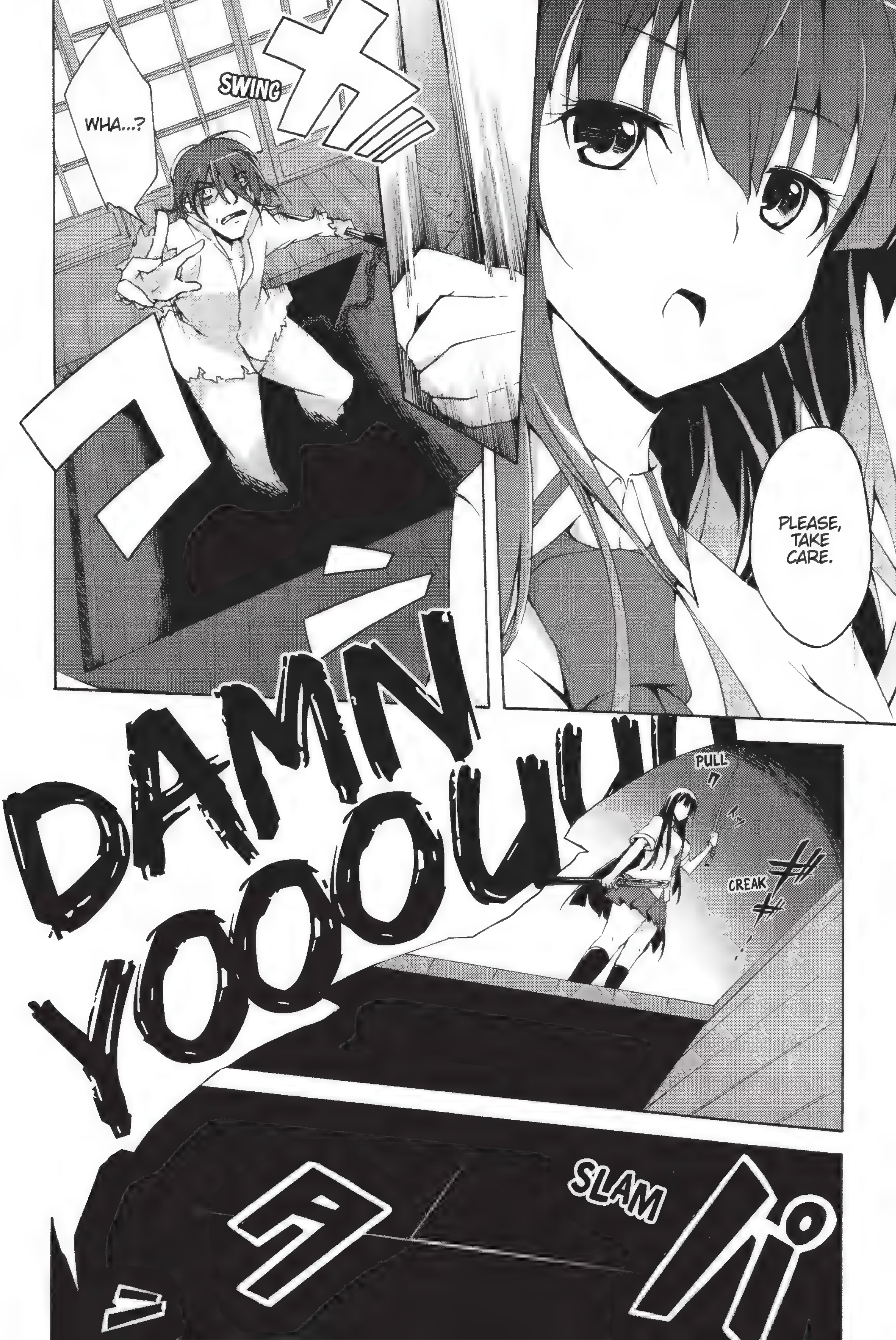

BROTHER!
HEY, SIS. IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
WHAT ... ARE YOU DOING WITH HIEN: THE FLYING SWALLOW?
OH? THE FAMILY SWORD?
HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU SURE YOU WANT TO KNOW?!
THIS IS *MINE*.
I CAN DO *WHATEVER I WANT* WITH IT.
IT'S *NOT* YOURS.
MOM AND GRANDPA PASSED IT DOWN TO *ME*.
NOT *YOU*!
GRIT
STOMP

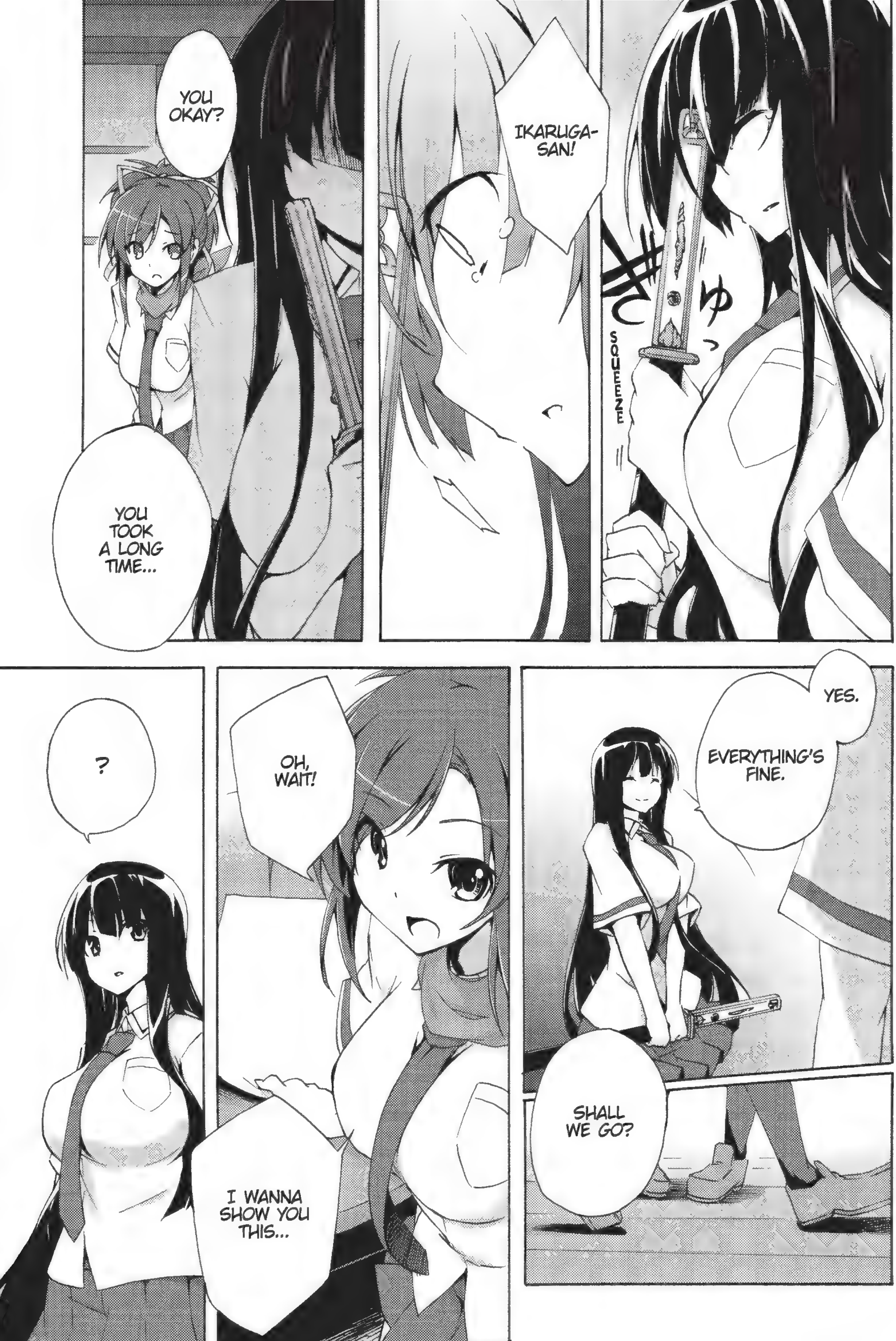

MOM AND GRANDPA?
HOW...
DARE...
YOU!!
GRIND
IT'S TRUE...
I LACK THE *SKILL* TO USE HIEN.
CLENCH
IT DOESN'T BELONG TO SOMEONE...
BUT...
THIS TREASURE HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN *MY* FAMILY.
BA-THUMP
OUTSIDE OUR BLOODLINE. IT'S NOT FOR SOME ADOPTED BRAT!!
HIEN: THE FLYING SWAL-LOW SHOULD BE *MINE!*
MUMBLE
MUTTER
GRIP
IF ONLY YOU HADN'T COME ALONG!
CLENCH


I WISH IT HADN'T COME TO THIS...
DEAR BROTHER...
IF ONLY APOLOGIES WERE ENOUGH.
HIEN WAS...
BUT APOLOGIES WON'T MAKE HIM WORTHY OF THAT BLADE...
FLUTTER
ENTRUSTED TO ME BY MOM AND GRANDPA. I SWORE TO NEVER GIVE IT TO ANYONE.
WHY CAN'T HE UNDERSTAND?
IF NECESSARY, I WILL RETRIEVE IT BY FORCE.
FINE.
I DARE YOU TO TRY!!


?!
TURN
GOD...
JINGLE
DAMMIT!!
BROTHER!
SPIN
I'M NO SWORDSMAN...
SPIN
BUT I'M DEADLY WITH A CHAIN-SICKLE!!
BIND
!
TENSE
FWAH HA HA HA...
I'VE GOT YOU NOW!!


BROTHER...
THAT'S JUST AN AFTER-IMAGE.
DUUN
?!
WHAT THE--?!
GRIP


PLEASE, TAKE CARE.
SWING
WHA...?
DAMN YOOOU!!
PULL
CREAK
SLAM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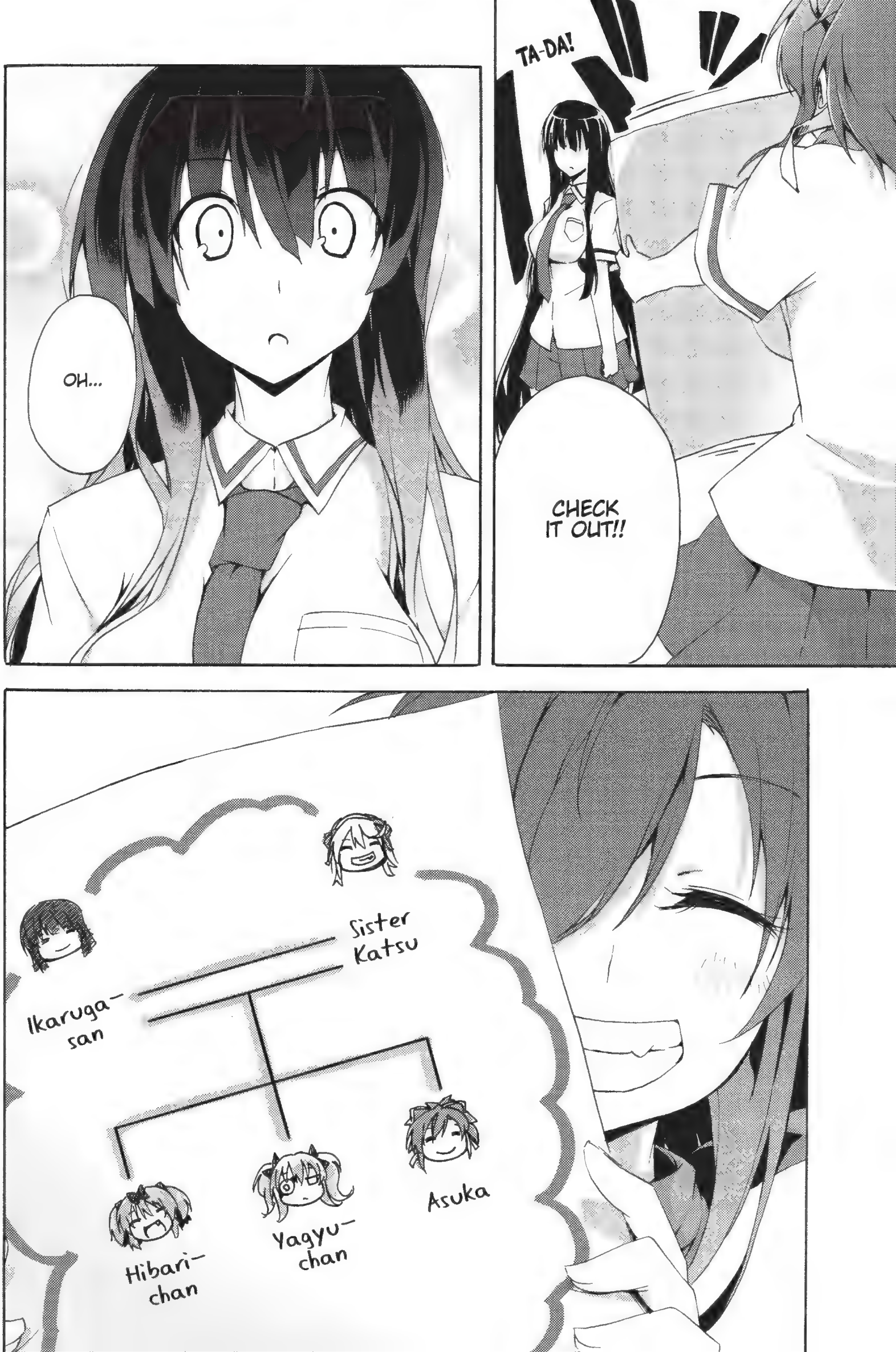
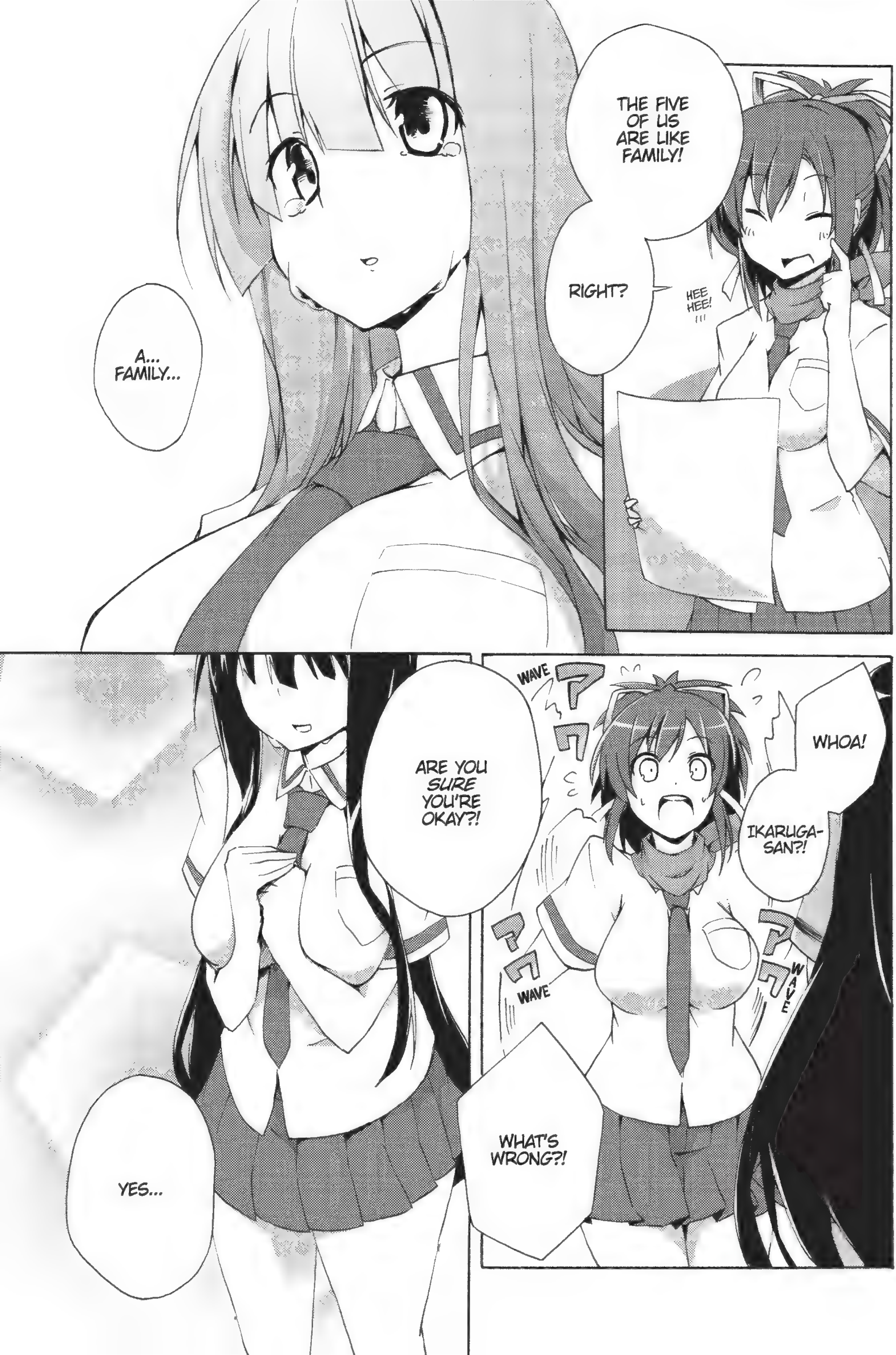
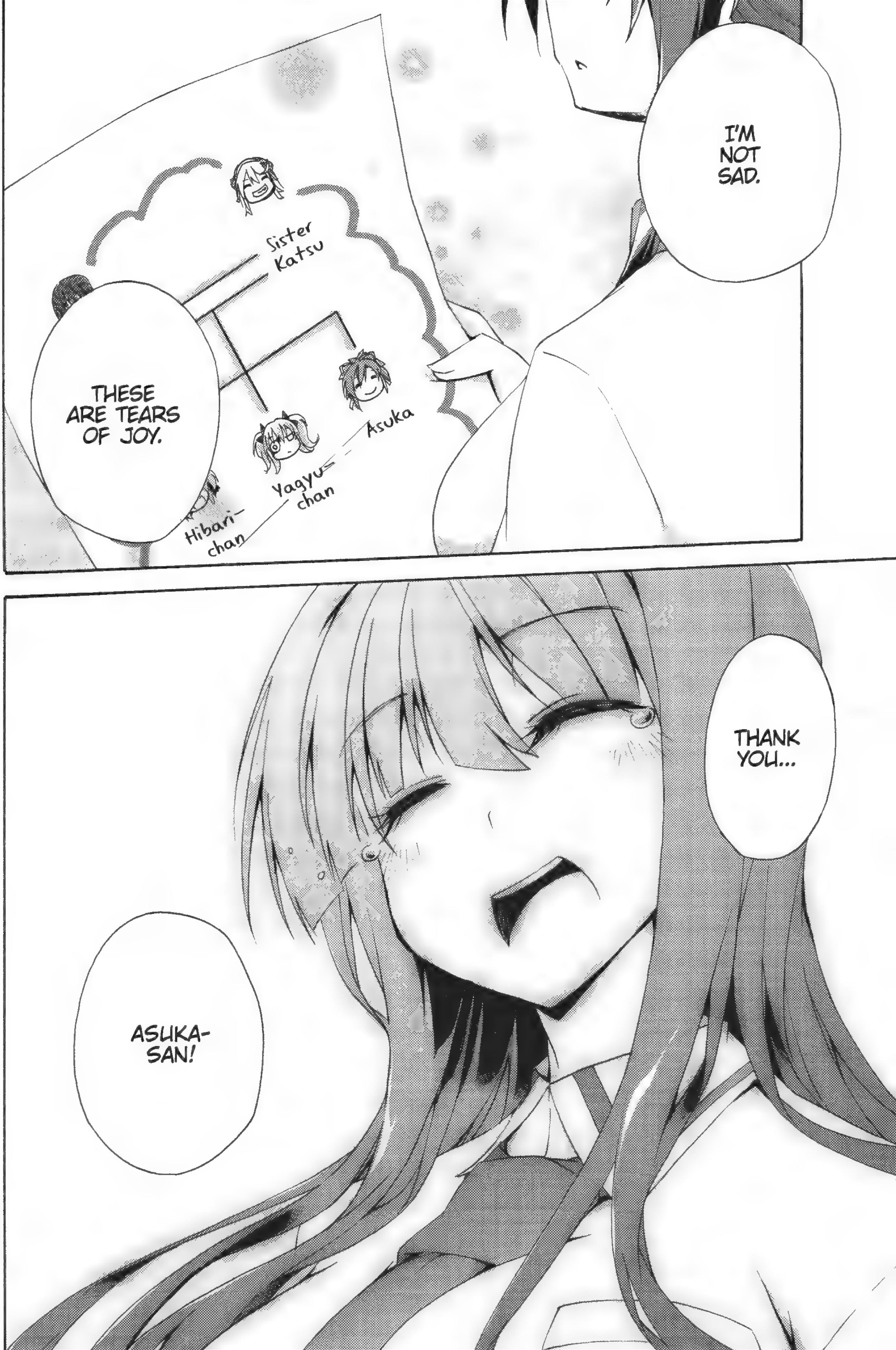
SQUEEZE
IKARUGA-SAN!
YOU OKAY?
YOU TOOK A LONG TIME...
YES.
EVERYTHING'S FINE.
SHALL WE GO?
OH, WAIT!
I WANNA SHOW YOU THIS...
?


TA-DA!
CHECK IT OUT!!
OH...
Sister Katsu
Ikaruga-san
Asuka
Yagyu-chan
Hibari-chan


THE FIVE OF US ARE LIKE FAMILY!
RIGHT?
HEE HEE!
A... FAMILY...
WHOA!
IKARUGA-SAN?!
WAVE
WAVE
WAVE
WHAT'S WRONG?!
ARE YOU *SURE* YOU'RE OKAY?!
YES...


I'M NOT SAD.
Sister Katsu
Asuka
Yagyu-chan
Hibari-chan
THESE ARE TEARS OF JOY.
THANK YOU...
ASUKA-SAN!

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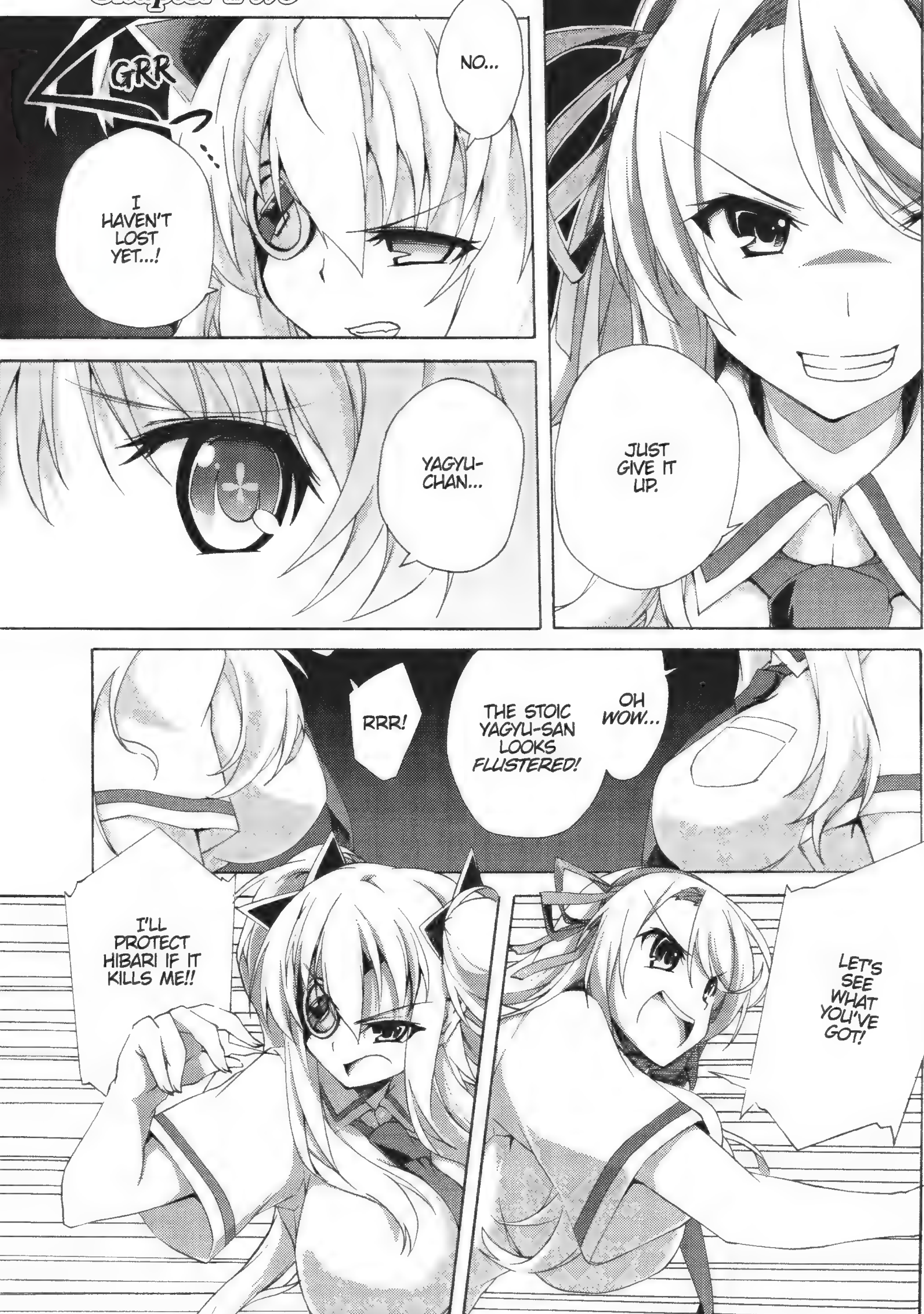
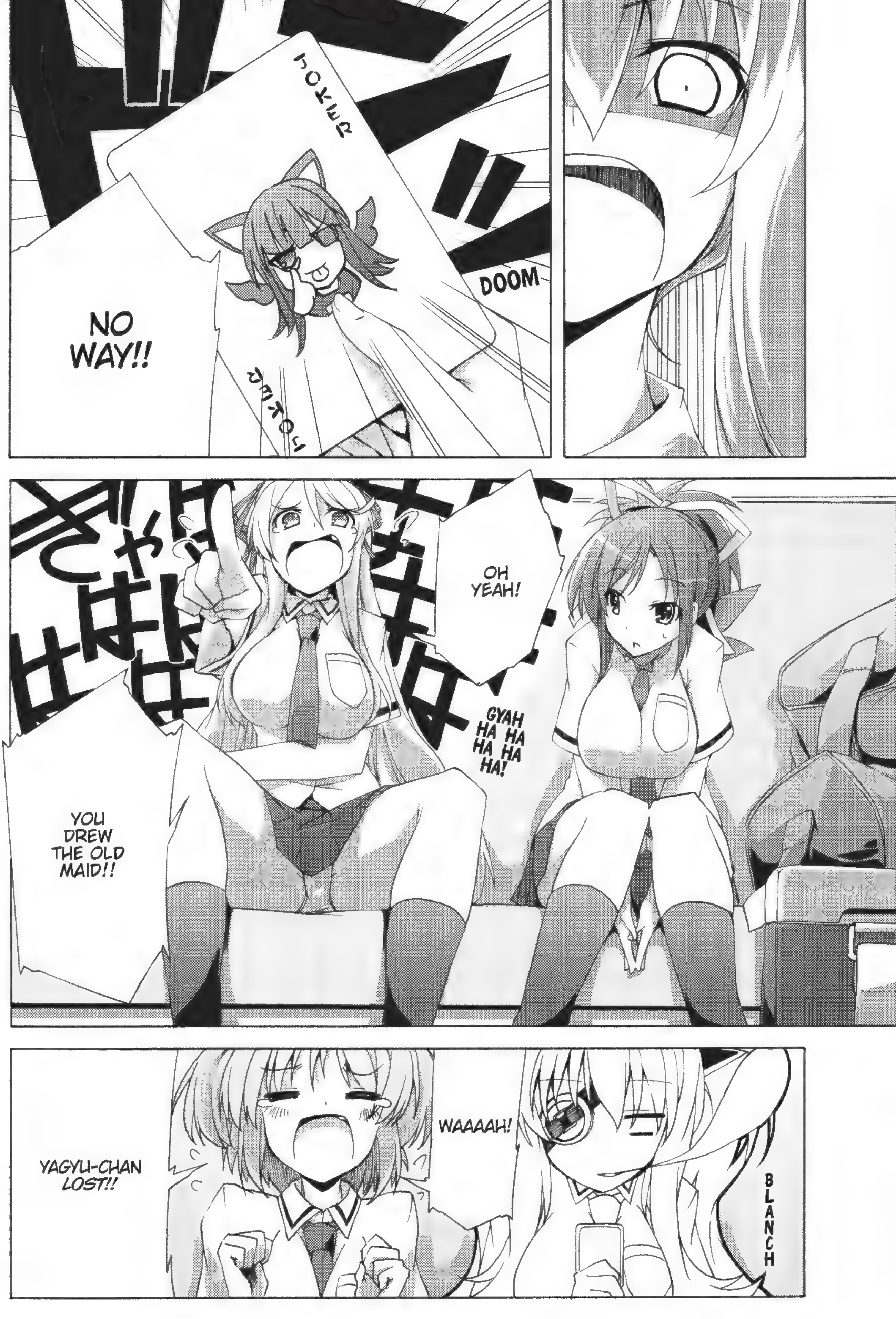
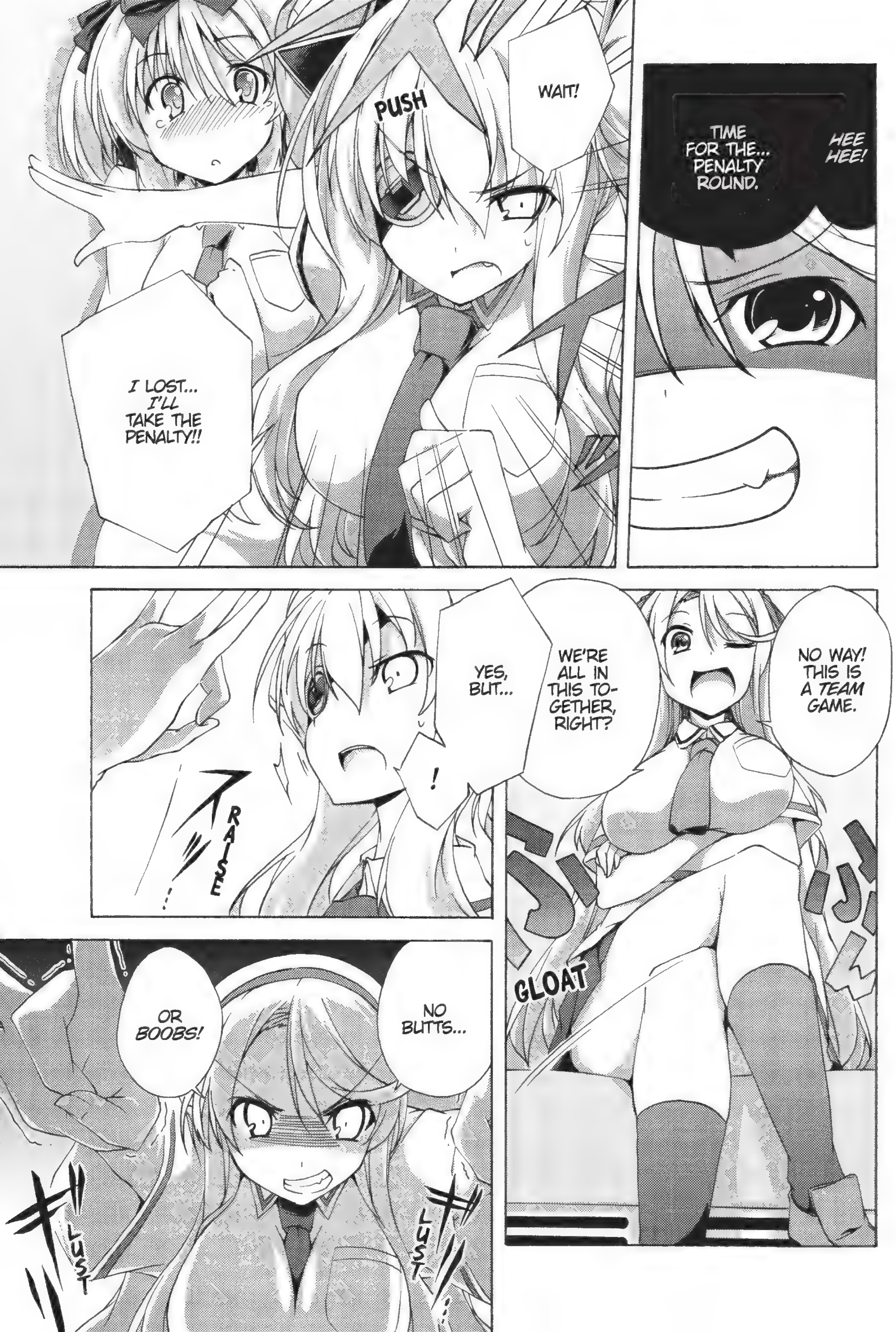
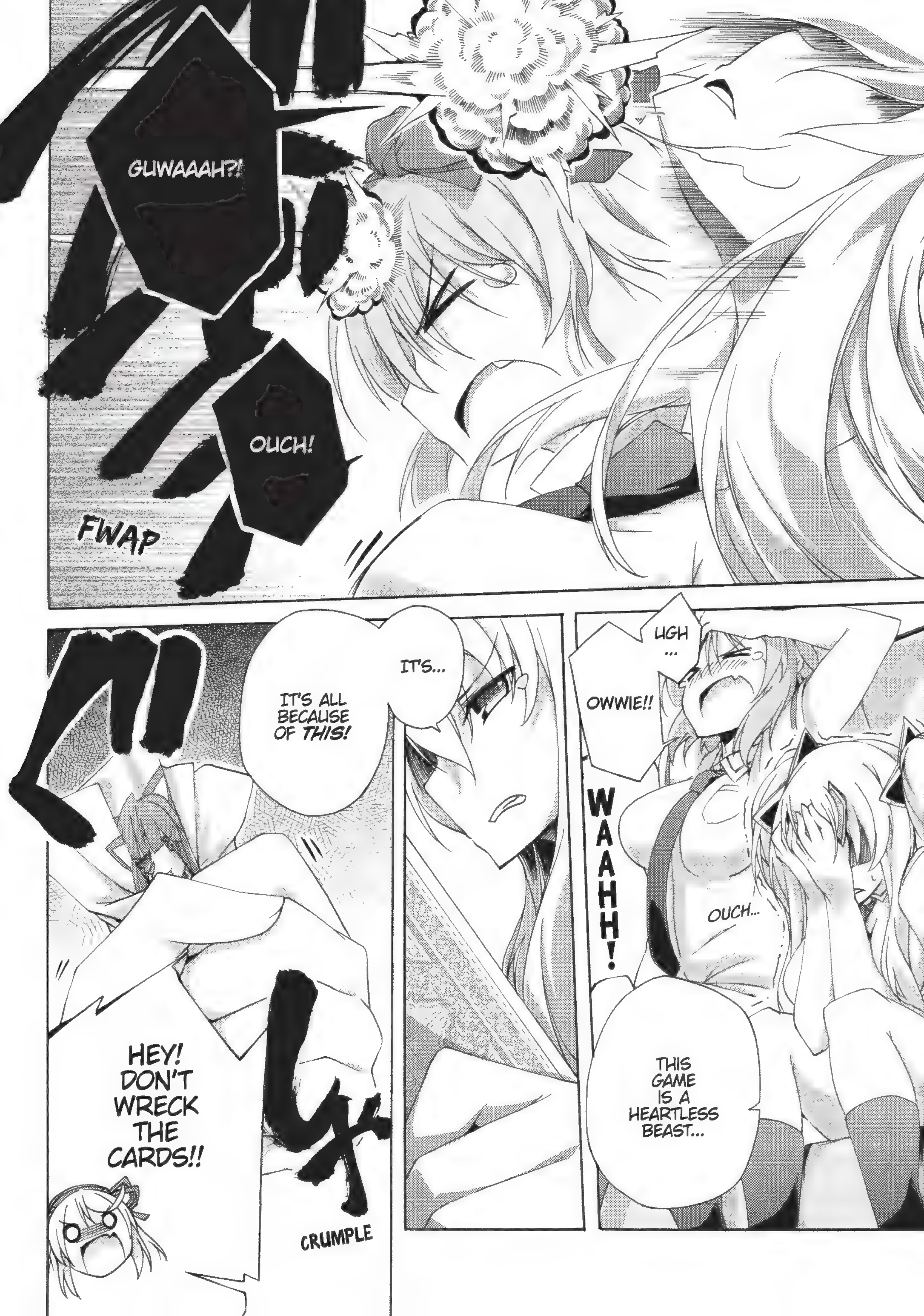
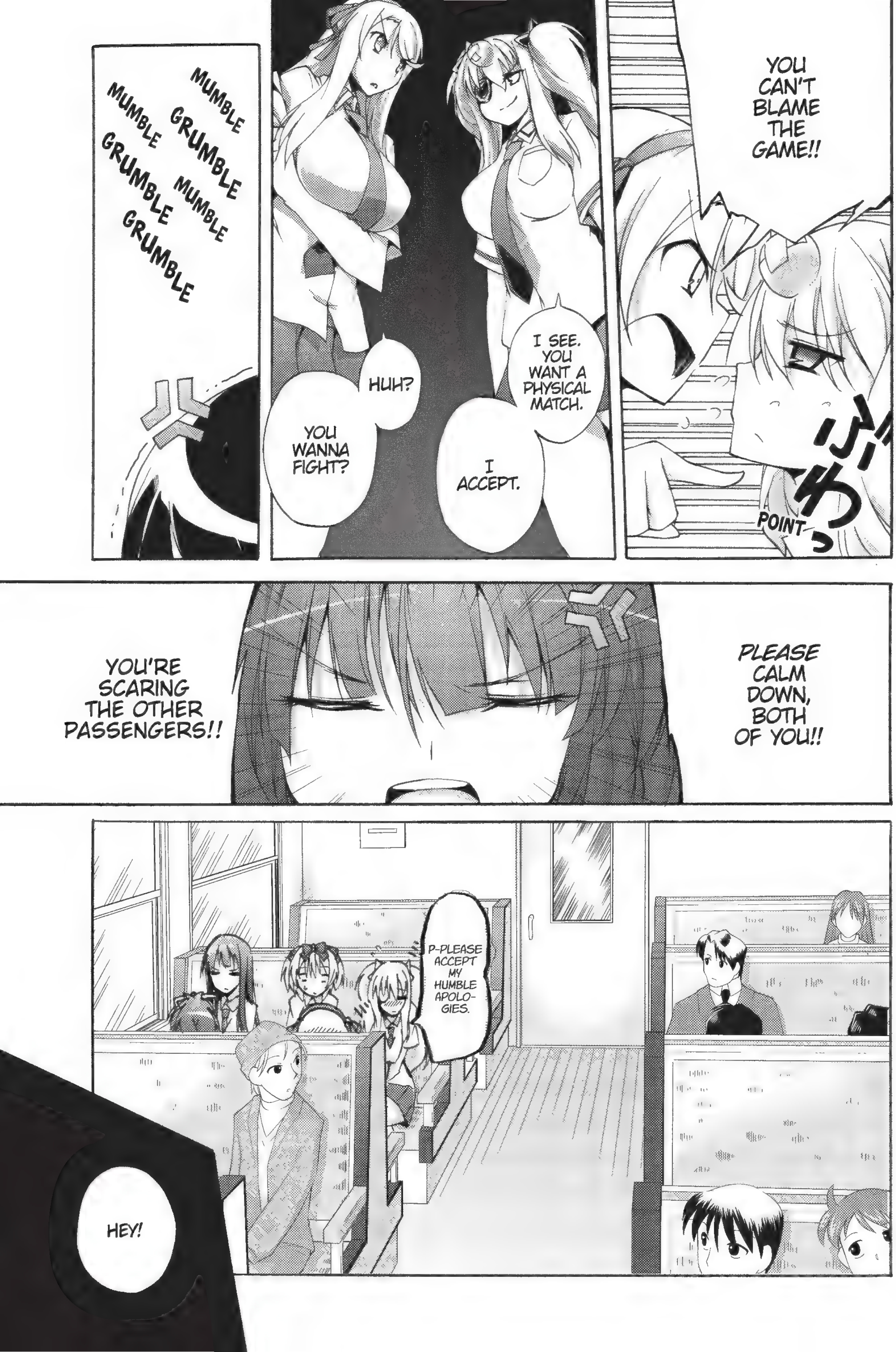
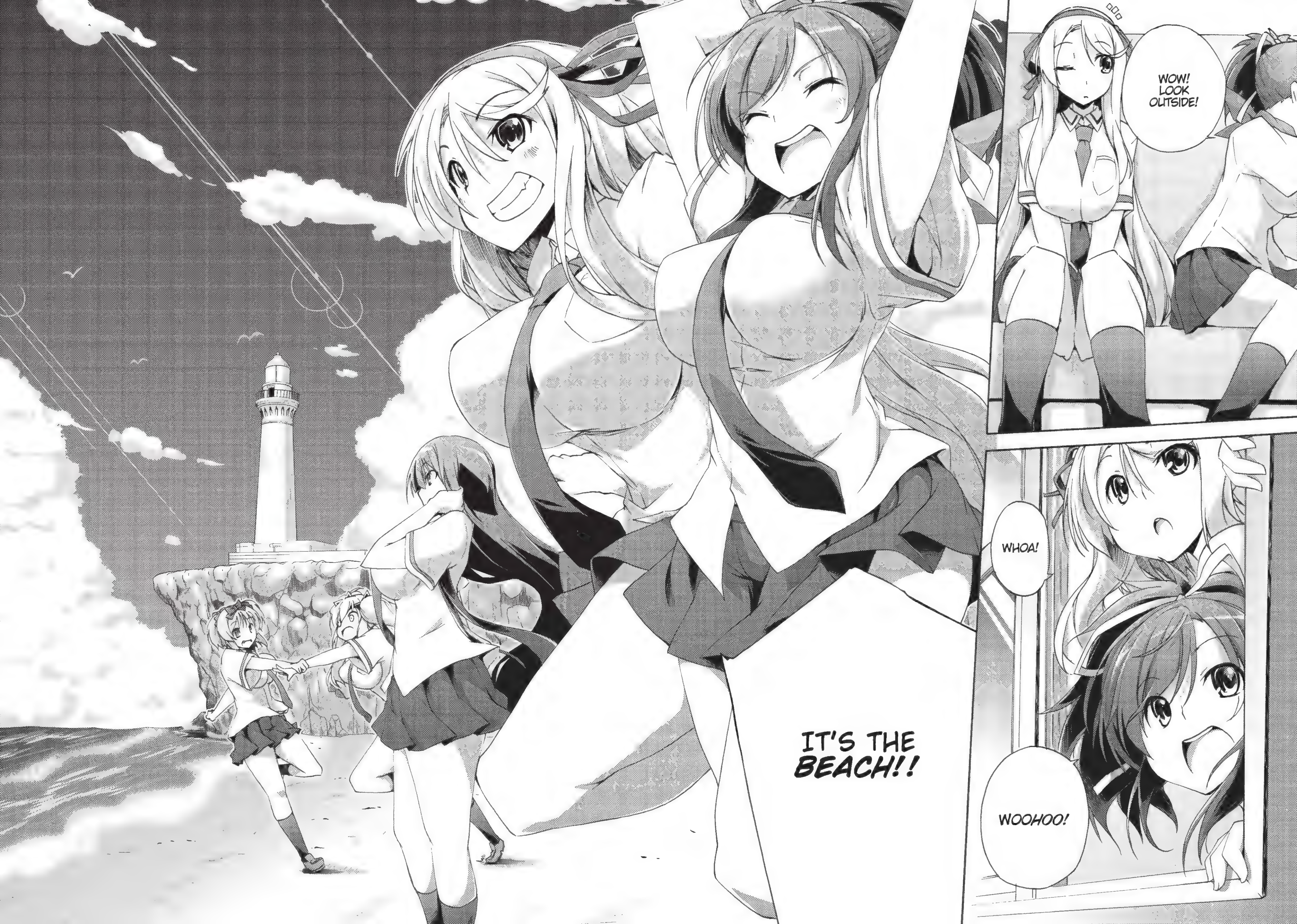

JUST GIVE IT UP.
NO...
GRR
I HAVEN'T LOST YET...!
YAGYU-CHAN...
OH WOW...
THE STOIC YAGYU-SAN LOOKS FLUSTERED!
RRR!
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
I'LL PROTECT HIBARI IF IT KILLS ME!!

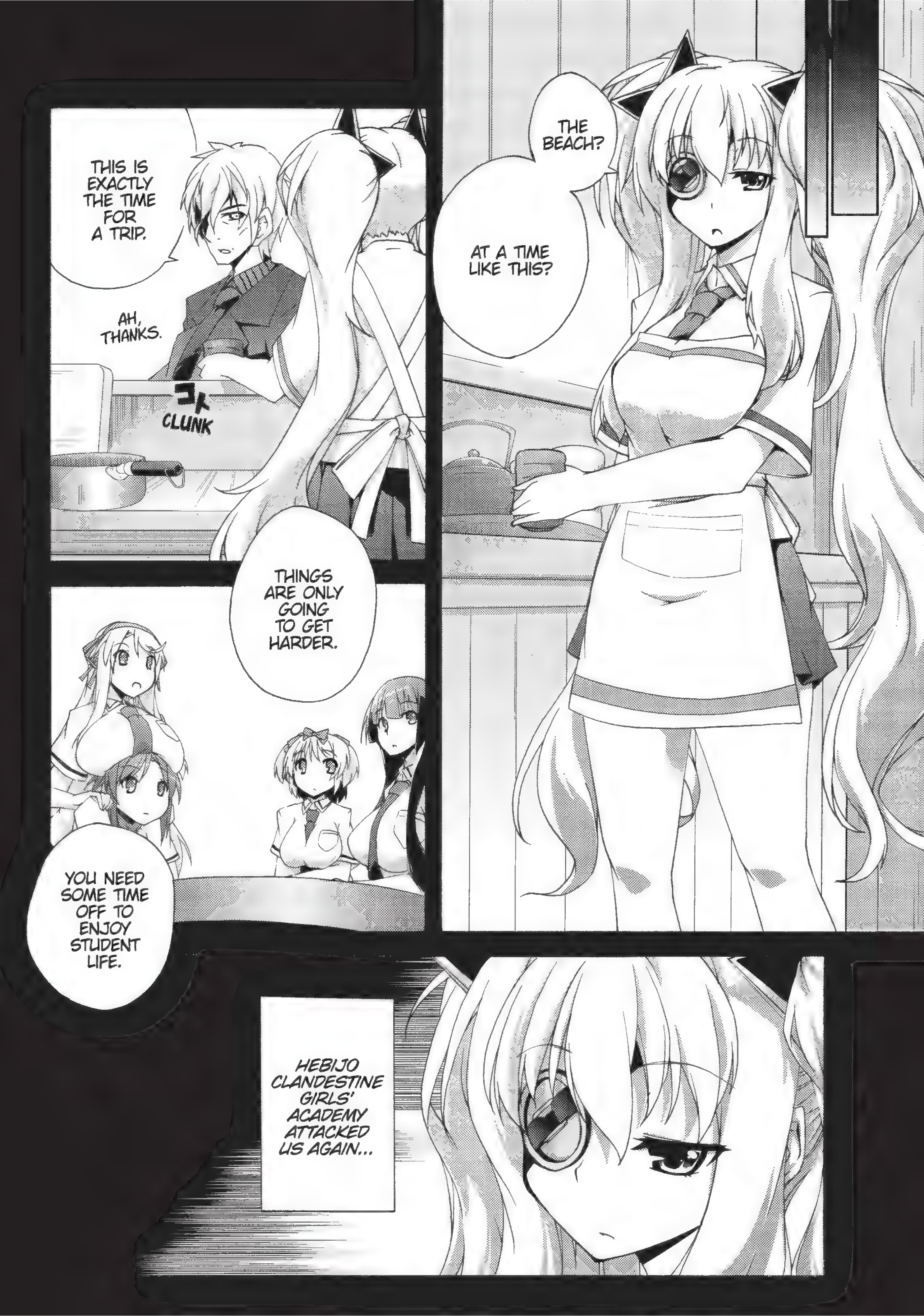

JOKER
DOOM
NO WAY!!
OH YEAH!
GYAH HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU DREW THE OLD MAID!!
WAAAAH!
BLANCH
YAGYU-CHAN LOST!!

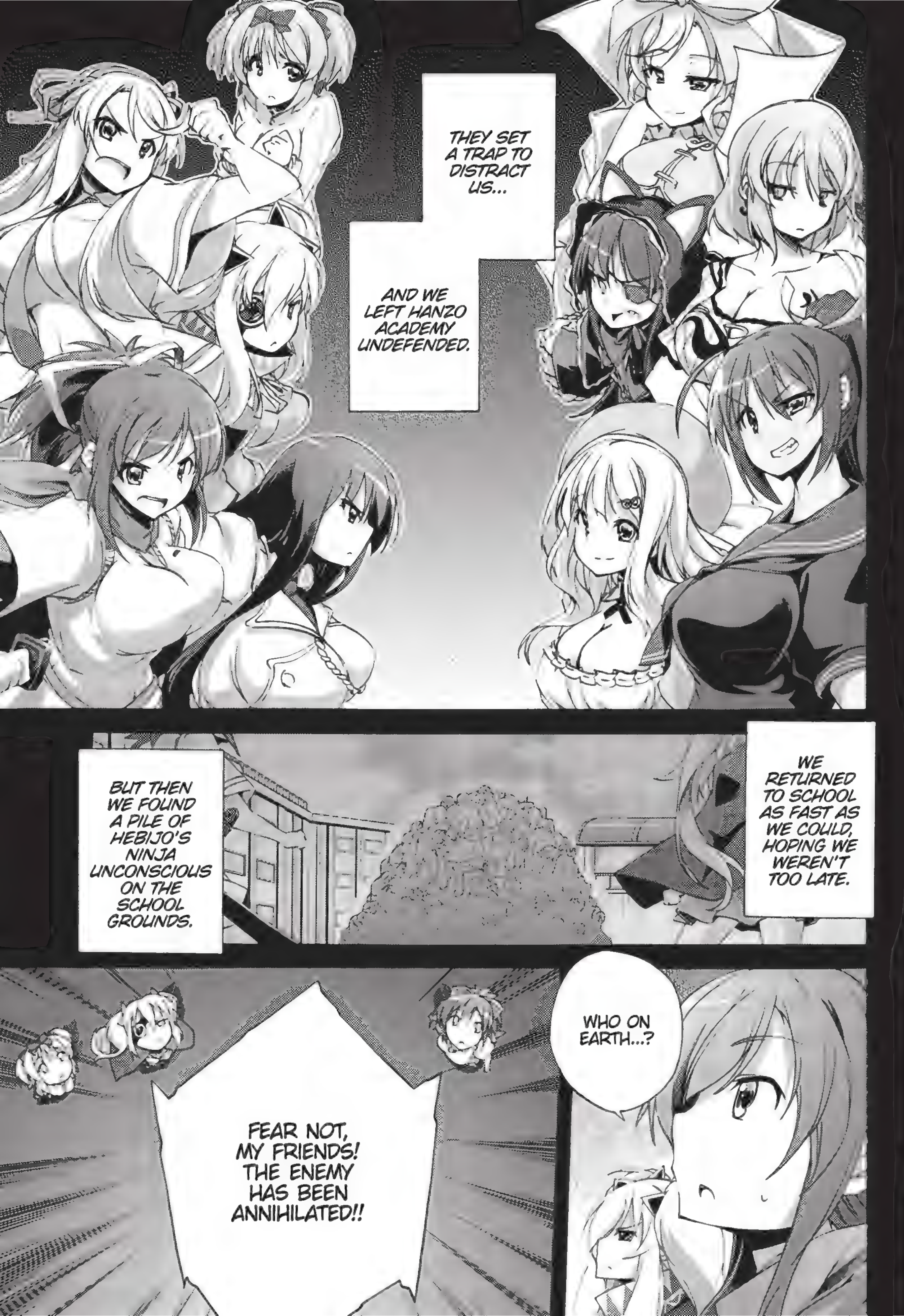

TIME FOR THE... PENALTY ROUND.
HEE HEE!
WAIT!
PUSH
I LOST... I'LL TAKE THE PENALTY!!
NO WAY! THIS IS A *TEAM* GAME.
GLOAT
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, RIGHT?
YES, BUT...
!
RAISE
NO BUTTS...
OR BOOBS!
LUST
LUST

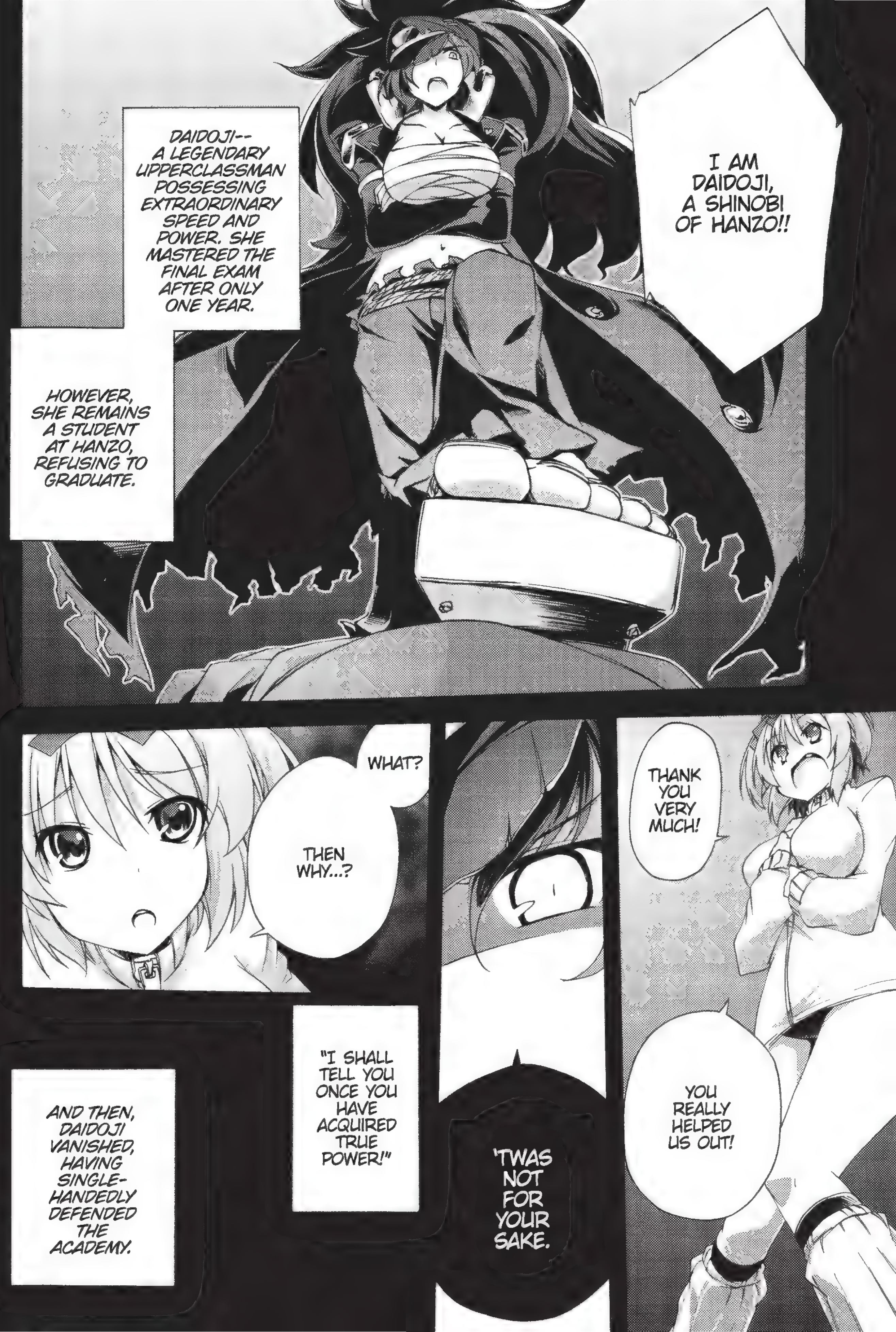

GUWAAAH?!
OUCH!
FWAP
UGH...
OWWIE!!
WAAHH!
OUCH...
THIS GAME IS A HEARTLESS BEAST...
IT'S...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THIS!
HEY! DON'T WRECK THE CARDS!!
CRUMPLE

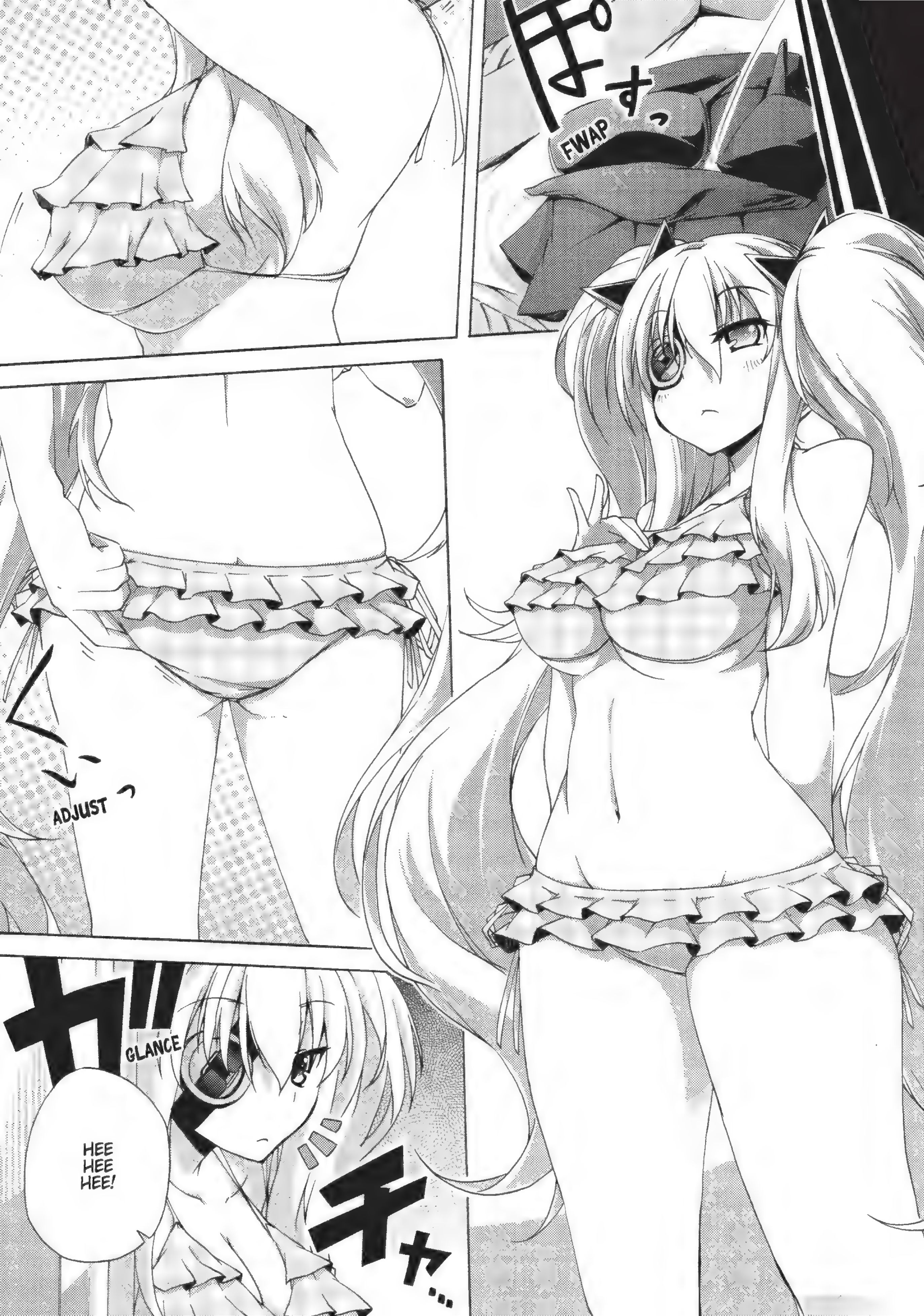

YOU CAN'T BLAME THE GAME!!
ふいわっ
POINT
I SEE. YOU WANT A PHYSICAL MATCH.
I ACCEPT.
HUH?
YOU WANNA FIGHT?
MUMBLE GRUMBLE MUMBLE GRUMBLE MUMBLE GRUMBLE
PLEASE CALM DOWN, BOTH OF YOU!!
YOU'RE SCARING THE OTHER PASSENGERS!!
P-PLEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE APOLOGIES.
HEY!


WOW! LOOK OUTSIDE!
WHOA!
WOOHOO!
IT'S THE BEACH!!


THE BEACH?
AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
THIS IS EXACTLY THE TIME FOR A TRIP.
AH, THANKS.
コト
CLUNK
THINGS ARE ONLY GOING TO GET HARDER.
YOU NEED SOME TIME OFF TO ENJOY STUDENT LIFE.
HEBIJO CLANDESTINE GIRLS' ACADEMY ATTACKED US AGAIN...


THEY SET A TRAP TO DISTRACT US...
AND WE LEFT HANZO ACADEMY UNDEFENDED.
WE RETURNED TO SCHOOL AS FAST AS WE COULD, HOPING WE WEREN'T TOO LATE.
BUT THEN WE FOUND A PILE OF HEBIJO'S NINJA UNCONSCIOUS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.
WHO ON EARTH...?
FEAR NOT, MY FRIENDS! THE ENEMY HAS BEEN ANNIHILATED!!


I AM DAIDOJI, A SHINOBI OF HANZO!!
DAIDOJI-- A LEGENDARY UPPERCLASSMAN POSSESSING EXTRAORDINARY SPEED AND POWER. SHE MASTERED THE FINAL EXAM AFTER ONLY ONE YEAR.
HOWEVER, SHE REMAINS A STUDENT AT HANZO, REFUSING TO GRADUATE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
YOU REALLY HELPED US OUT!
'TWAS NOT FOR YOUR SAKE.
WHAT?
THEN WHY...?
"I SHALL TELL YOU ONCE YOU HAVE ACQUIRED TRUE POWER!"
AND THEN, DAIDOJI VANISHED, HAVING SINGLE-HANDEDLY DEFENDED THE ACADEMY.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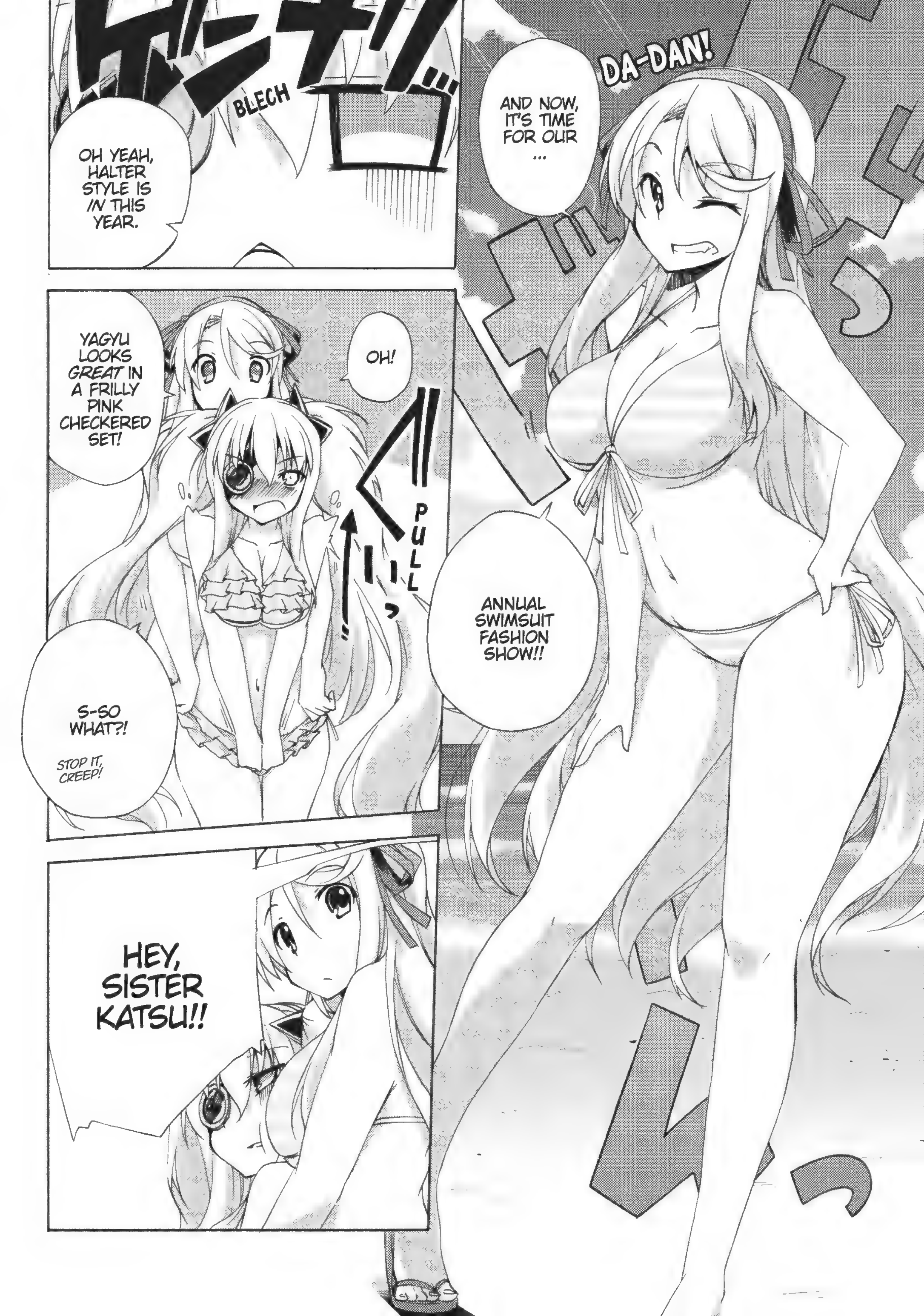
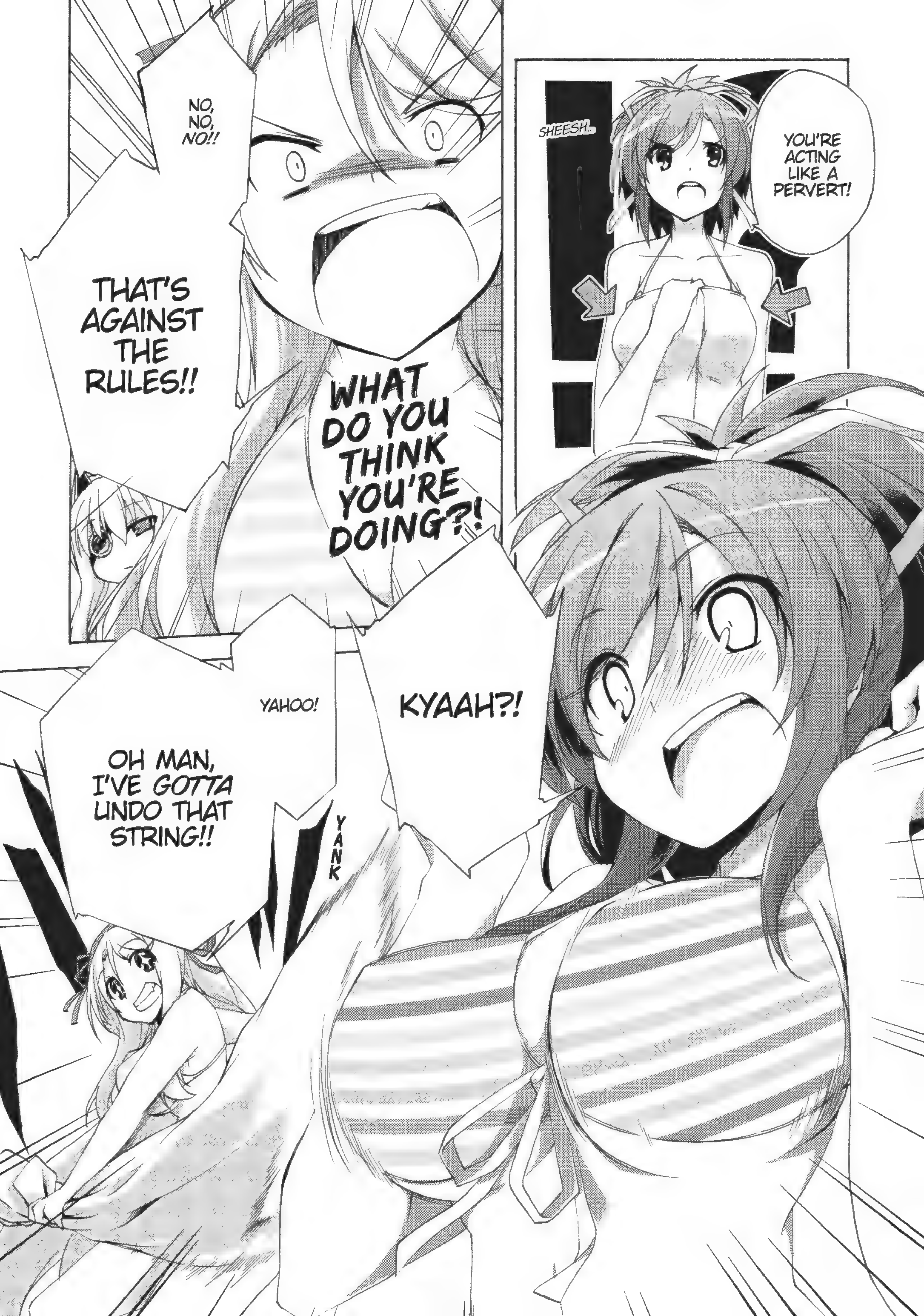
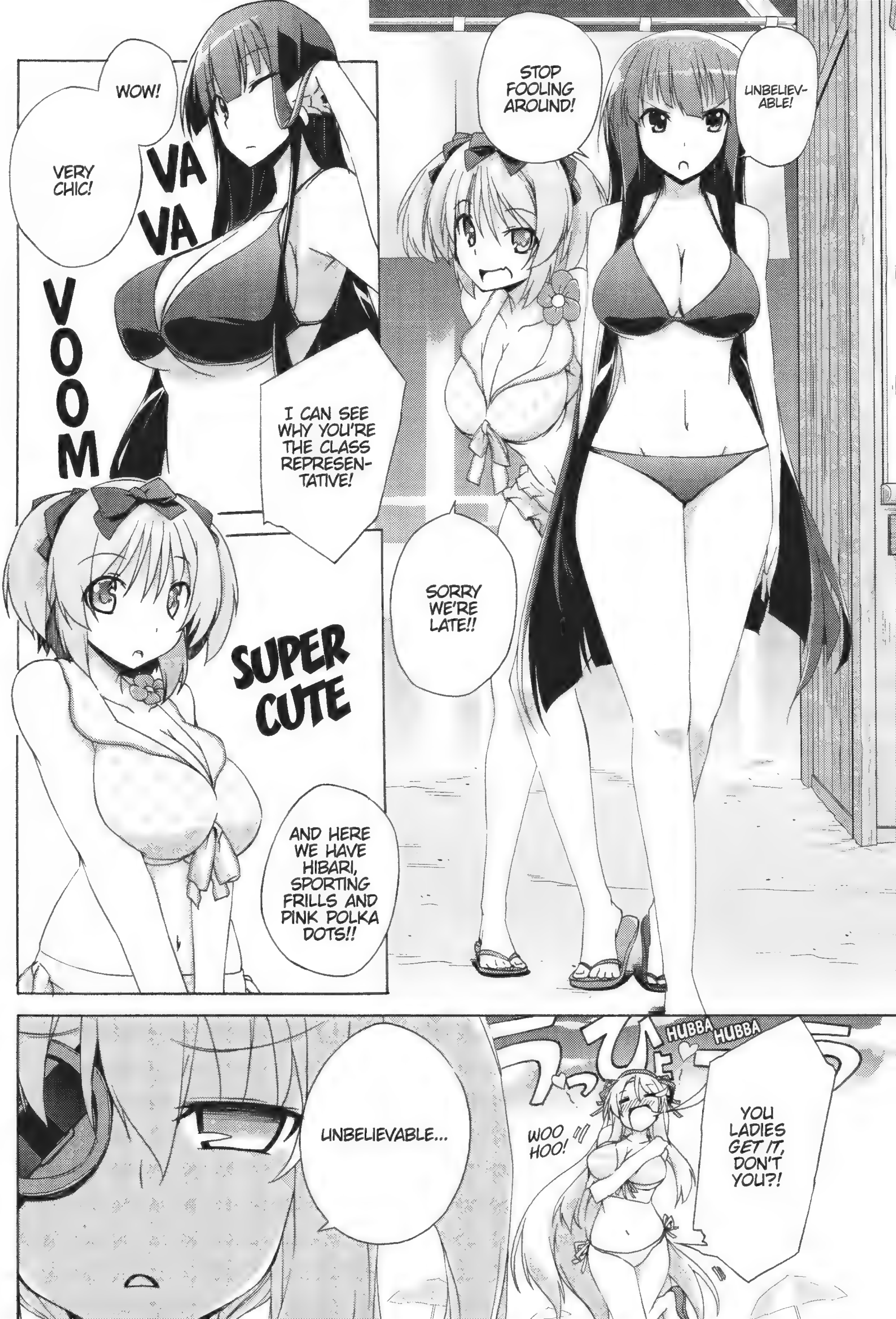
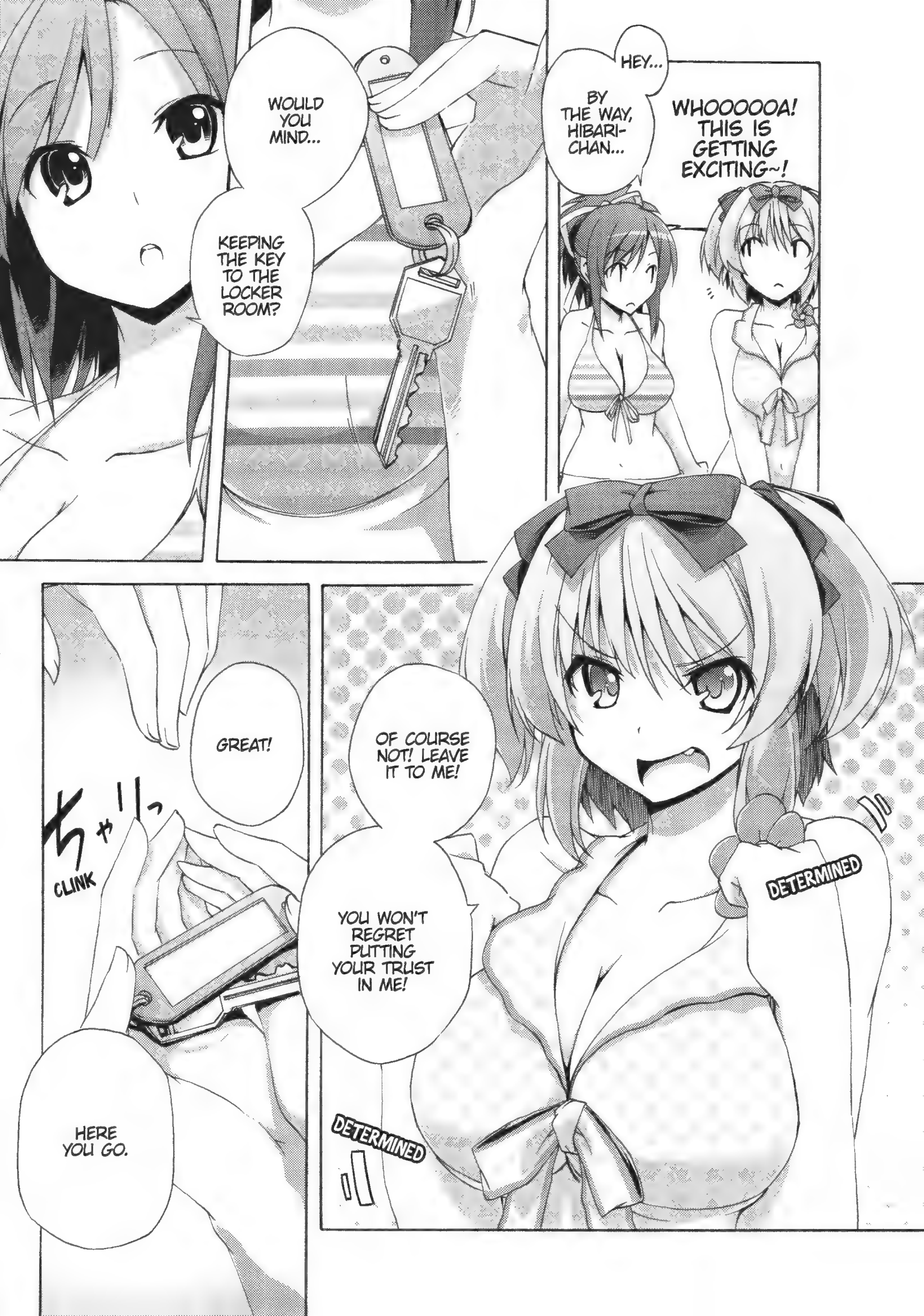
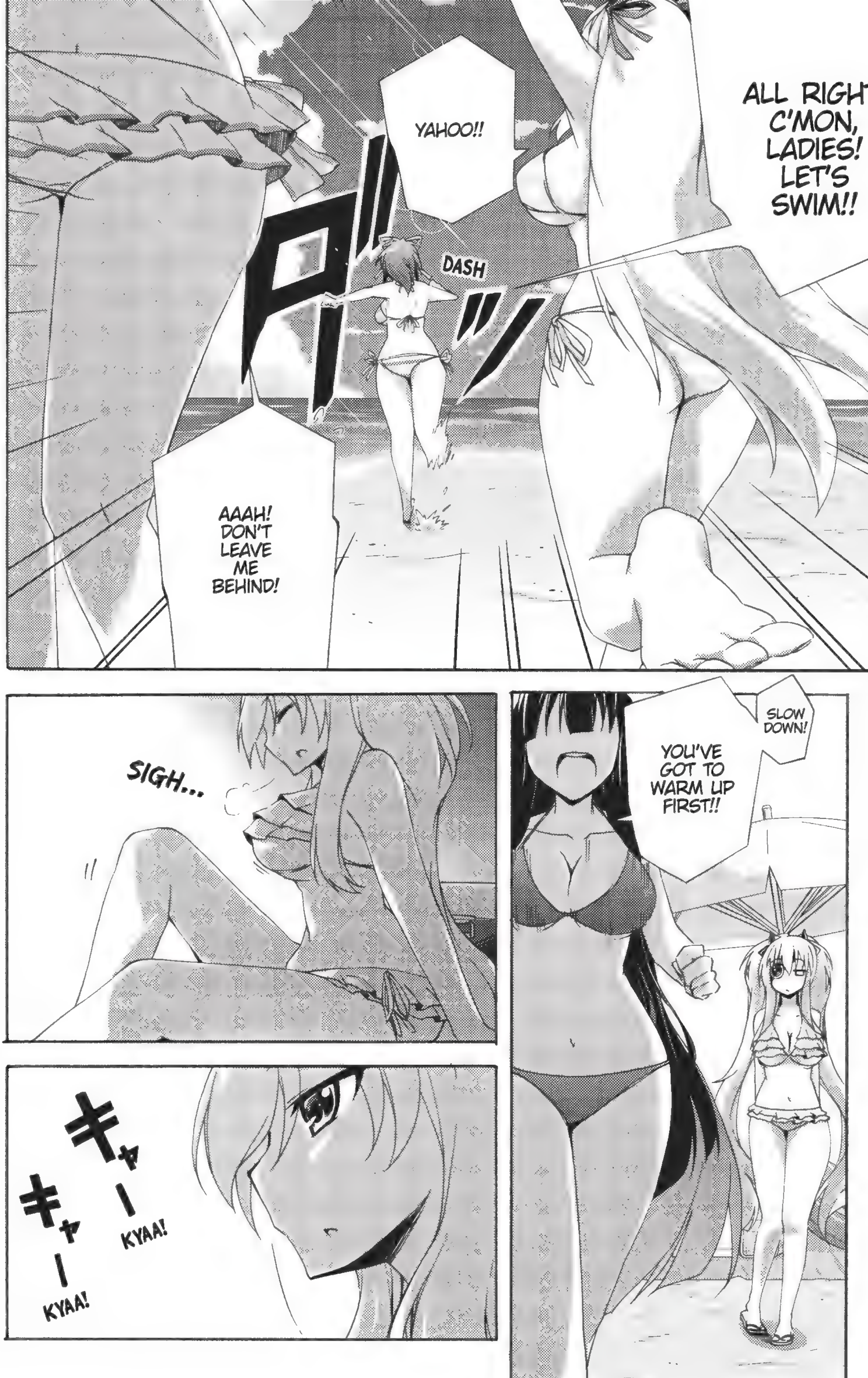
FWAP
くいっ
ADJUST
ガ!!
GLANCE
HEE HEE HEE!
チャ…

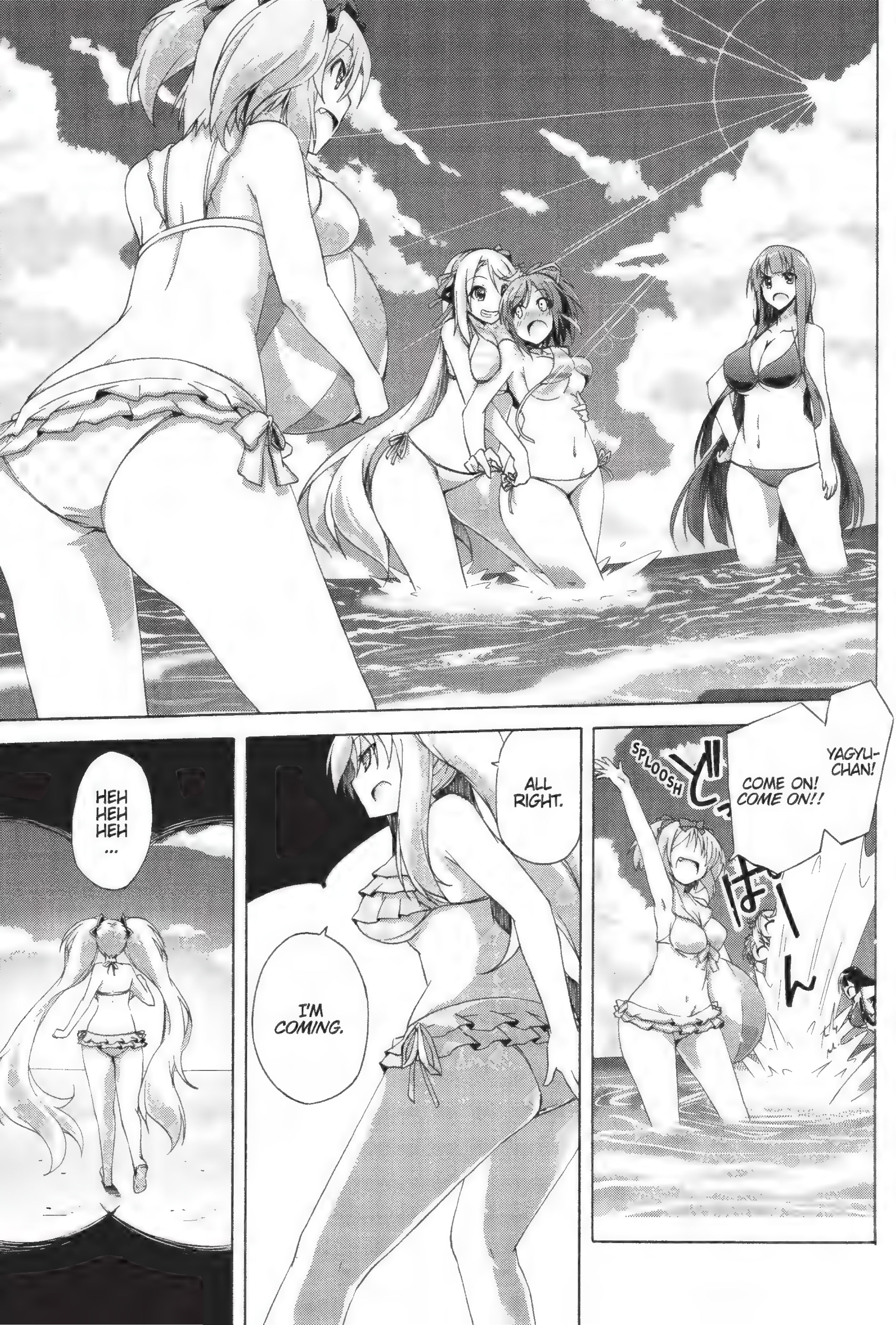

DA-DAN!
AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR OUR ...
ANNUAL SWIMSUIT FASHION SHOW!!
BLECH
OH YEAH, HALTER STYLE IS *IN* THIS YEAR.
OH!
YAGYU LOOKS *GREAT* IN A FRILLY PINK CHECKERED SET!
PULL
S-SO WHAT?!
STOP IT, CREEP!
HEY, SISTER KATSU!!

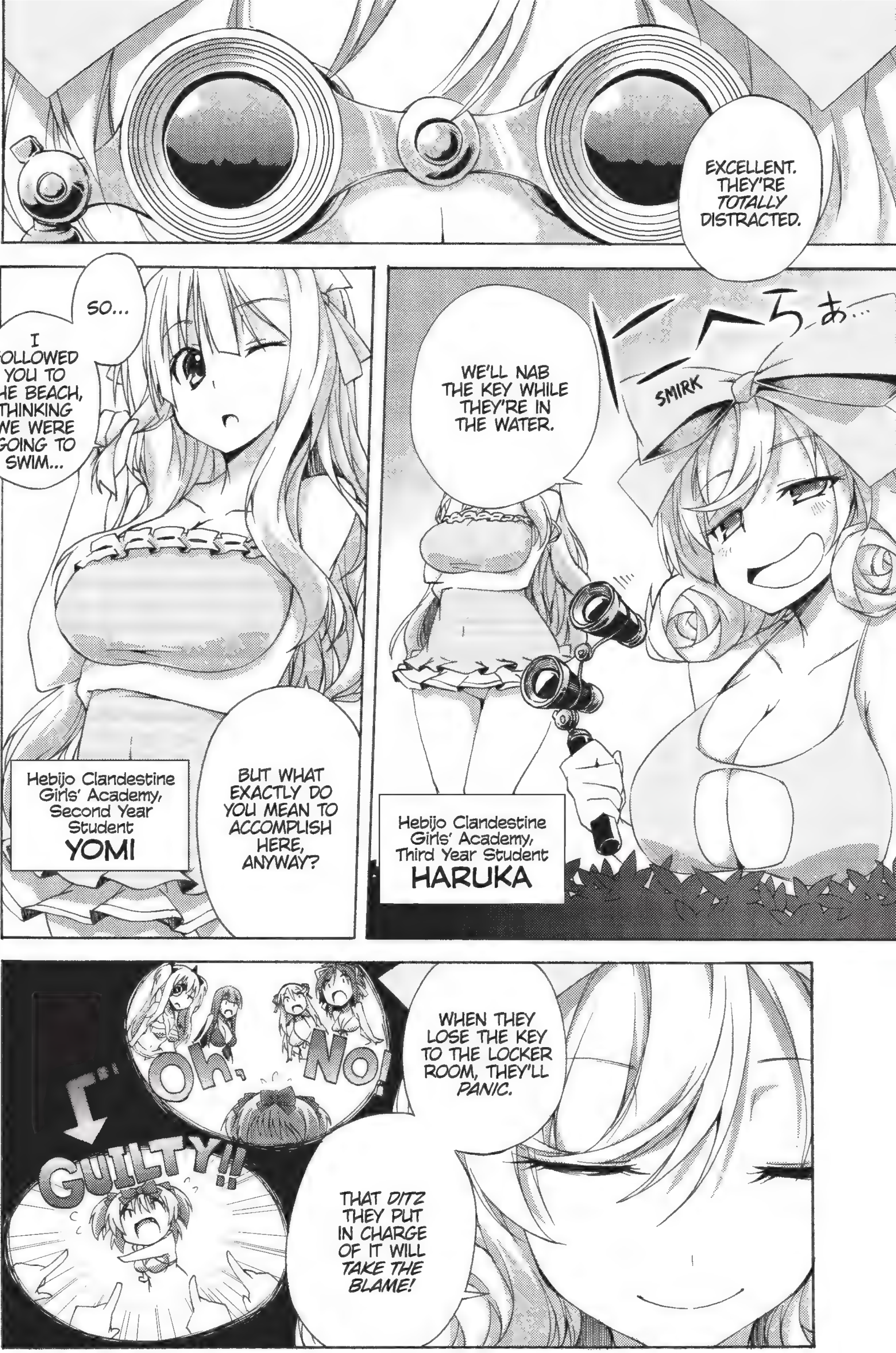

SHEESH..
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A PERVERT!
NO, NO, *NO!!*
THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
KYAAH?!
YAHOO!
OH MAN, I'VE *GOTTA* UNDO THAT STRING!!
YANK

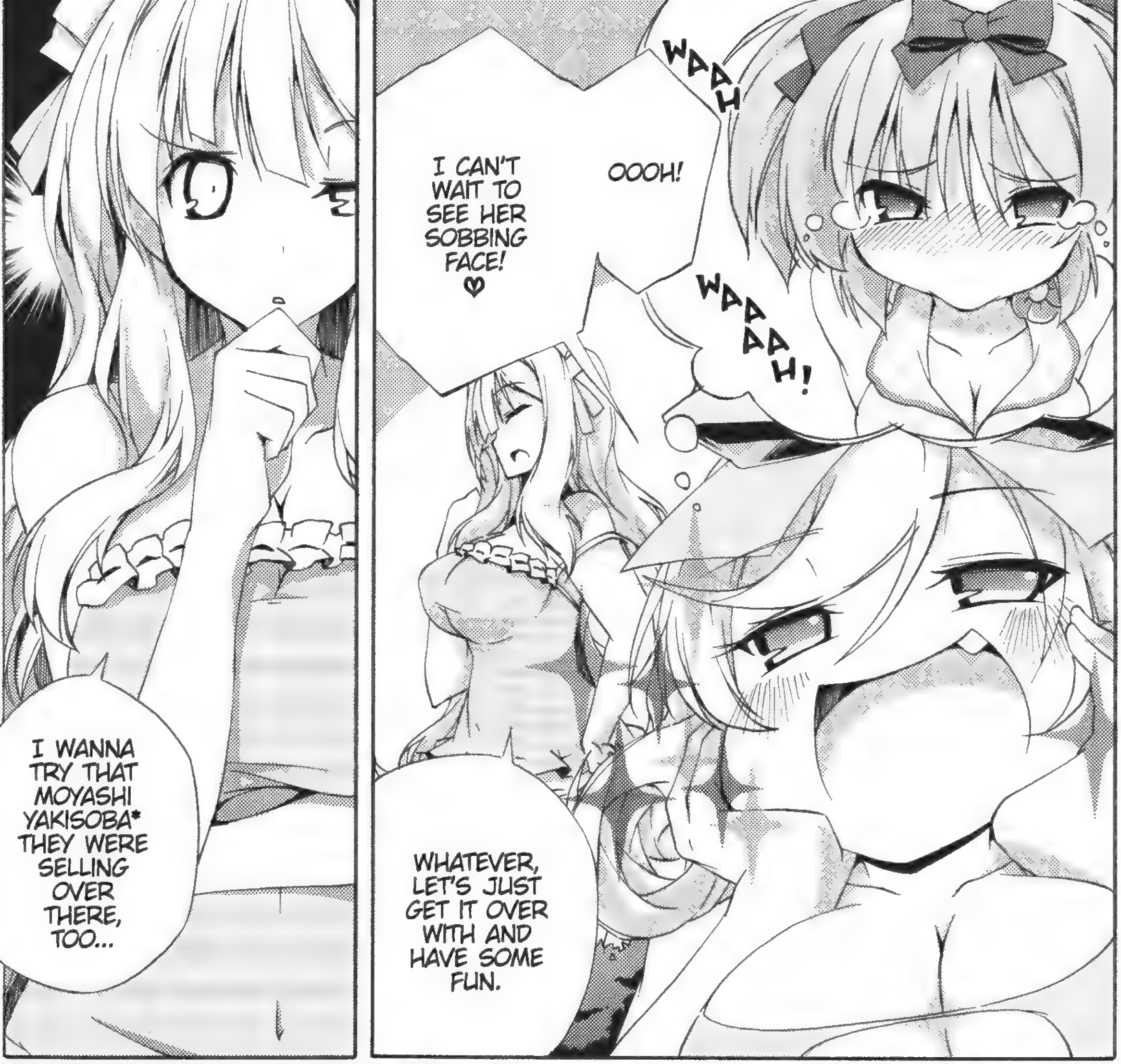

UNBELIEVABLE!
STOP FOOLING AROUND!
WOW!
VERY CHIC!
VA VA VOOM
I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE!
SORRY WE'RE LATE!!
SUPER CUTE
AND HERE WE HAVE HIBARI, SPORTING FRILLS AND PINK POLKA DOTS!!
HUBBA HUBBA
YOU LADIES GET IT, DON'T YOU?!
WOO HOO!
UNBELIEVABLE...


WHOOOOOA! THIS IS GETTING EXCITING~!
HEY...
BY THE WAY, HIBARI-CHAN...
WOULD YOU MIND...
KEEPING THE KEY TO THE LOCKER ROOM?
OF COURSE NOT! LEAVE IT TO ME!
YOU WON'T REGRET PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN ME!
DETERMINED
DETERMINED
GREAT!
ちゃりっ
CLINK
HERE YOU GO.

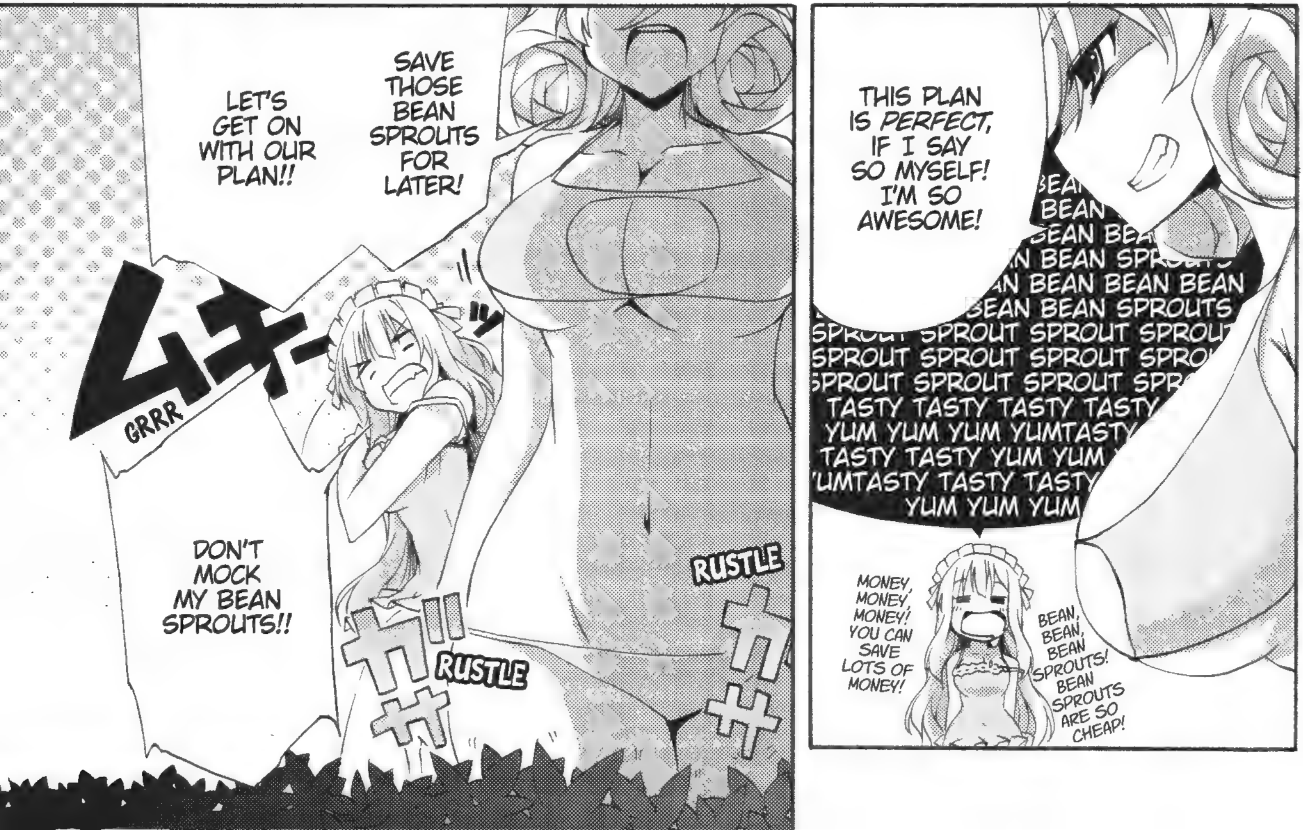

ALL RIGHT. C'MON, LADIES! LET'S SWIM!!
YAHOO!!
ダッ
DASH
AAAH! DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND!
SLOW DOWN!
YOU'VE GOT TO WARM UP FIRST!!
SIGH...
キャー
KYAA!
キャー
KYAA!

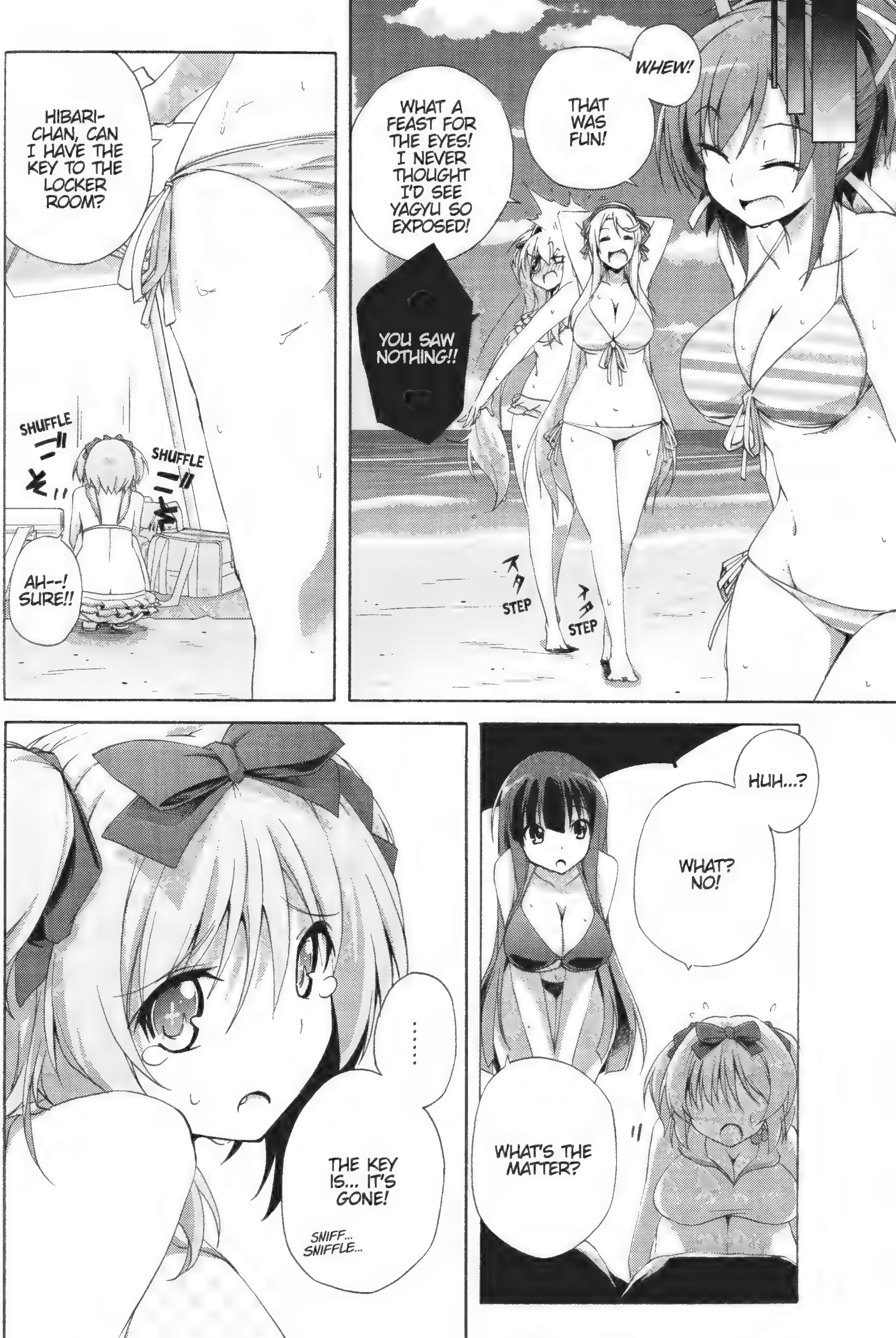

YAGYU-CHAN!
COME ON! COME ON!!
SPLOOSH
どっぱーん
ALL RIGHT.
I'M COMING.
HEH HEH HEH ...

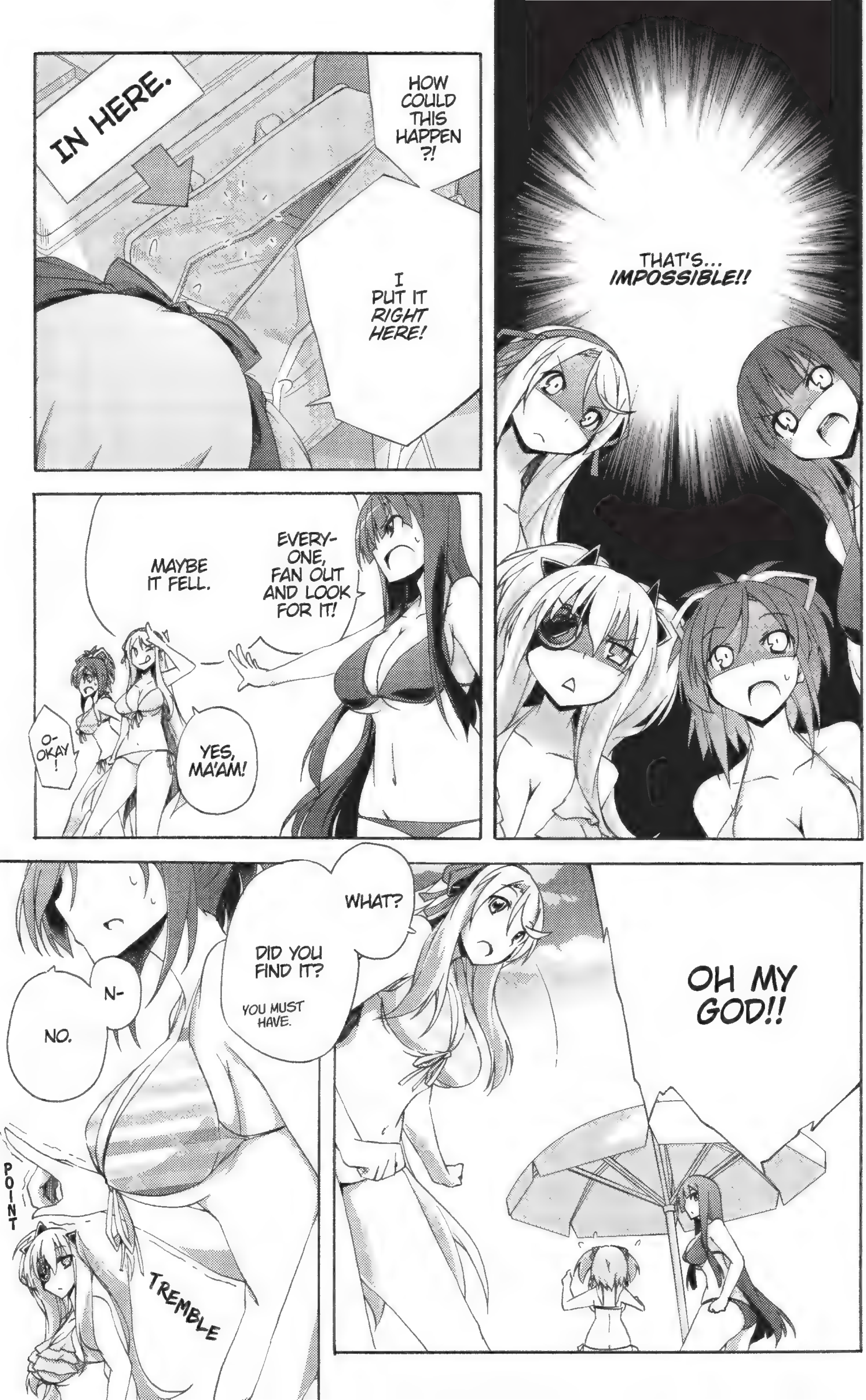

EXCELLENT. THEY'RE *TOTALLY* DISTRACTED.
ニヘらぁ…
SMIRK
WE'LL NAB THE KEY WHILE THEY'RE IN THE WATER.
Hebijo Clandestine Girls' Academy, Third Year Student **HARUKA**
SO...
I FOLLOWED YOU TO THE BEACH, THINKING WE WERE GOING TO SWIM...
BUT WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN TO ACCOMPLISH HERE, ANYWAY?
Hebijo Clandestine Girls' Academy, Second Year Student **YOMI**
WHEN THEY LOSE THE KEY TO THE LOCKER ROOM, THEY'LL *PANIC*.
Oh, No!
GUILTY!!
THAT *DITZ* THEY PUT IN CHARGE OF IT WILL *TAKE THE BLAME!*

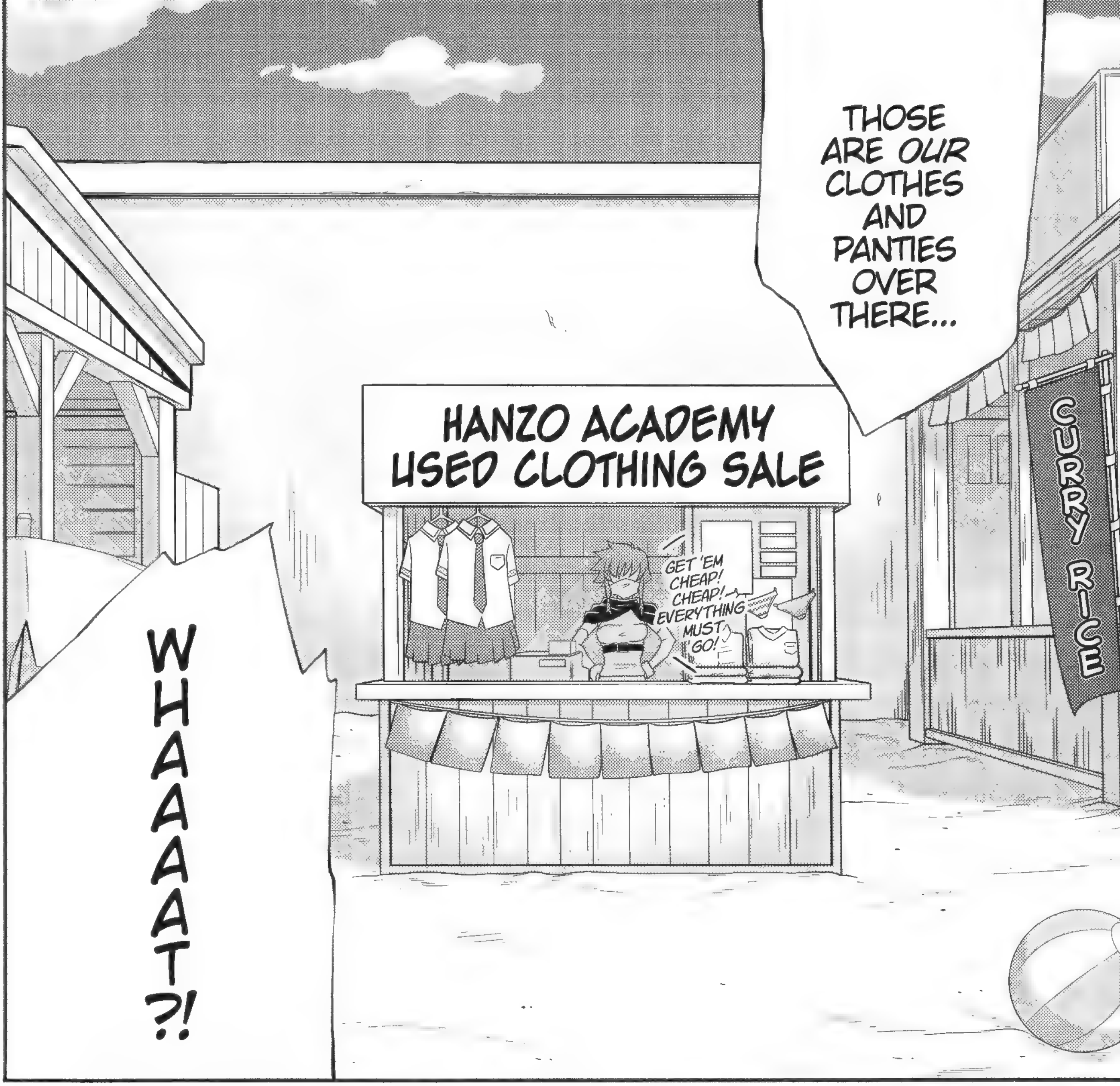

WAAAH
OOOH!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER SOBBING FACE! ♡
WAAAAH!
WHATEVER, LET'S JUST GET IT OVER WITH AND HAVE SOME FUN.
I WANNA TRY THAT MOYASHI YAKISOBA* THEY WERE SELLING OVER THERE, TOO...

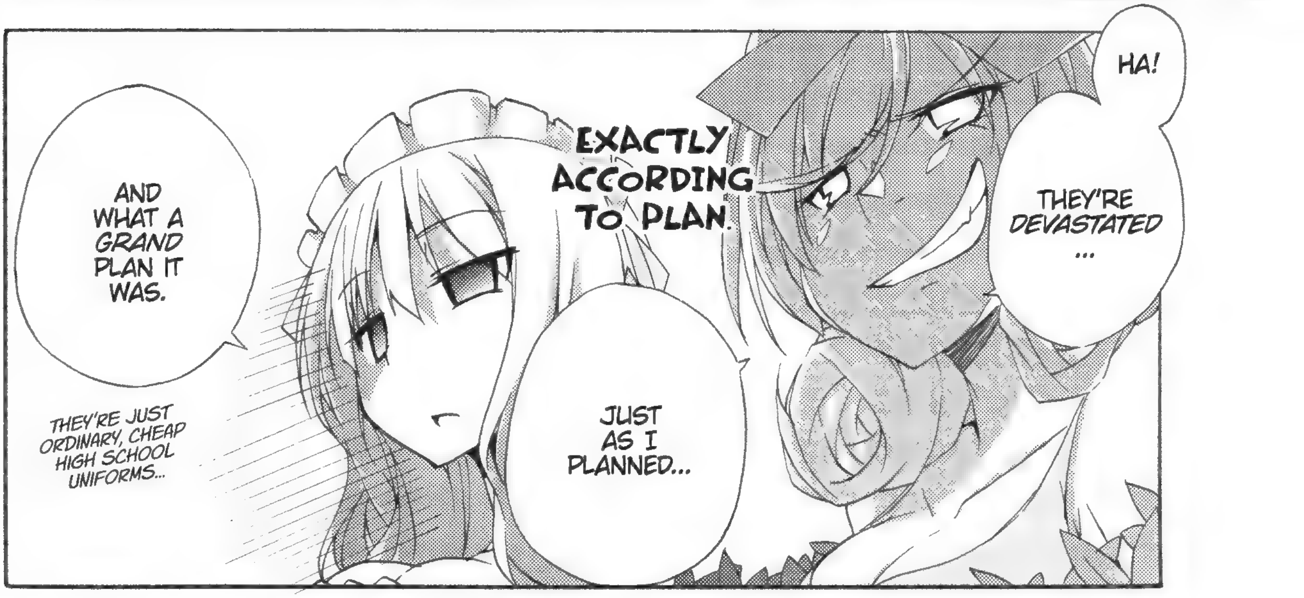
*Bean sprout yakisoba (Japanese style chow mien).

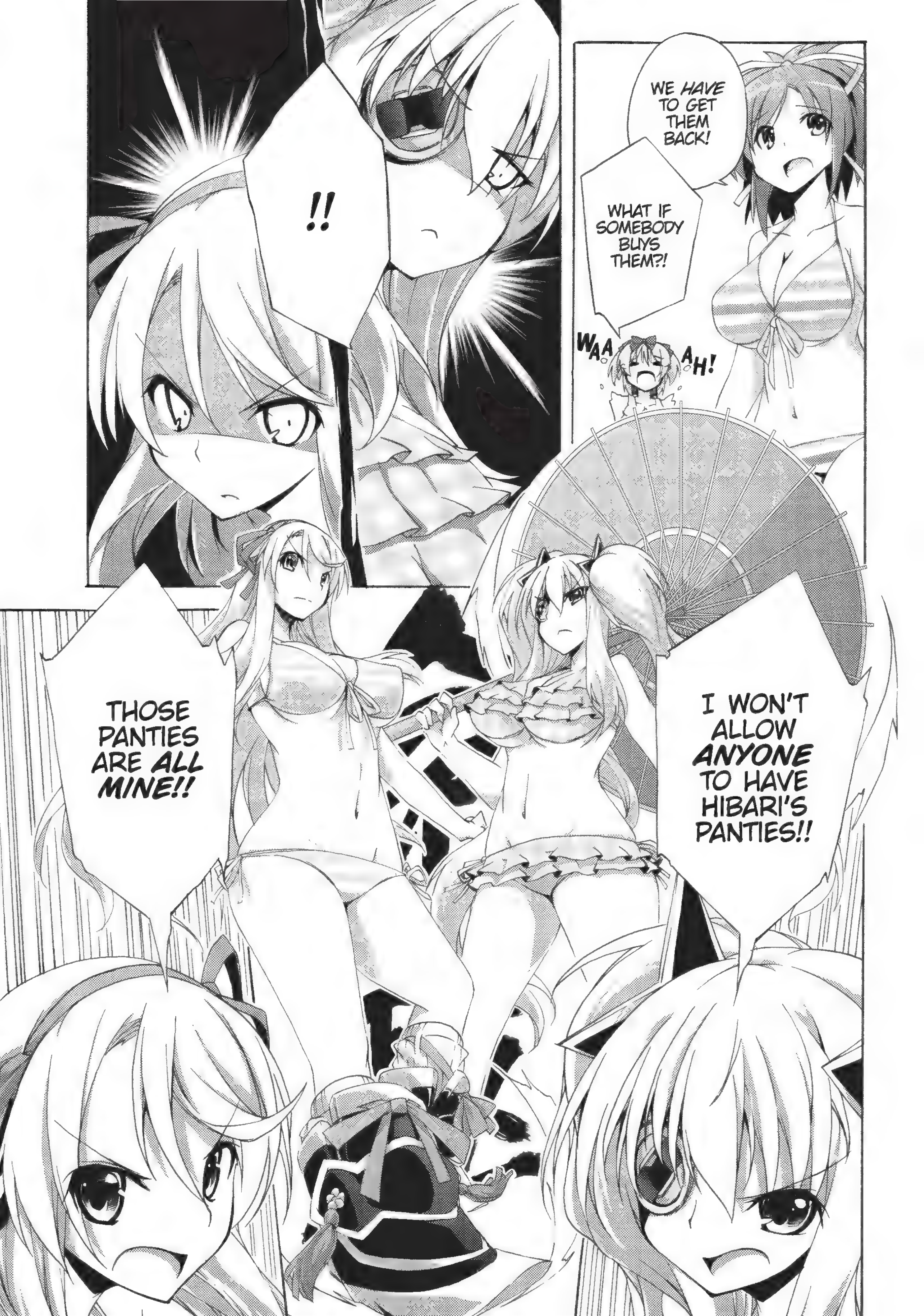

THIS PLAN IS *PERFECT*, IF I SAY SO MYSELF! I'M SO AWESOME!
BEAN BEAN BEAN BEAN BEAN BEAN SPROUTS BEAN BEAN BEAN BEAN BEAN SPROUTS SPROUT SPROUT SPROU SPROUT SPROUT SPROUT SPRO SPROUT SPROUT SPROUT SPR TASTY TASTY TASTY TASTY YUM YUM YUM YUMTASTY TASTY TASTY YUM YUM YUMTASTY TASTY TASTY YUM YUM YUM
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY! YOU CAN SAVE LOTS OF MONEY!
BEAN, BEAN, BEAN SPROUTS! BEAN SPROUTS ARE SO CHEAP!
SAVE THOSE BEAN SPROUTS FOR LATER!
LET'S GET ON WITH OUR PLAN!!
ムキー
GRRR
DON'T MOCK MY BEAN SPROUTS!!
RUSTLE
ガサ
RUSTLE
ガサ

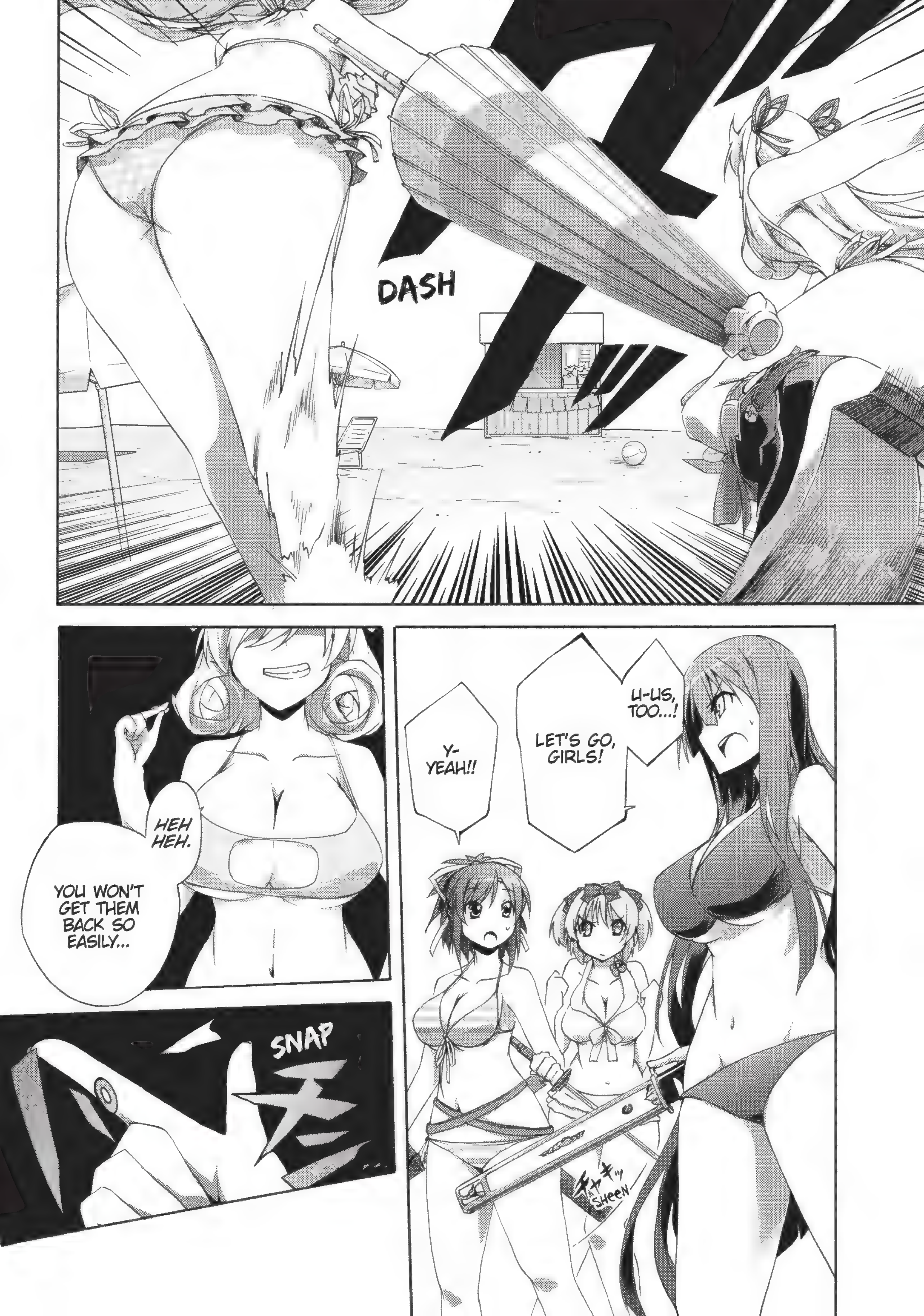

WHEW!
THAT WAS FUN!
WHAT A FEAST FOR THE EYES! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YAGYU SO EXPOSED!
YOU SAW NOTHING!!
STEP
STEP
HIBARI-CHAN, CAN I HAVE THE KEY TO THE LOCKER ROOM?
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
AH--! SURE!!
HUH...?
WHAT? NO!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
......
THE KEY IS... IT'S GONE!
SNIFF... SNIFFLE...

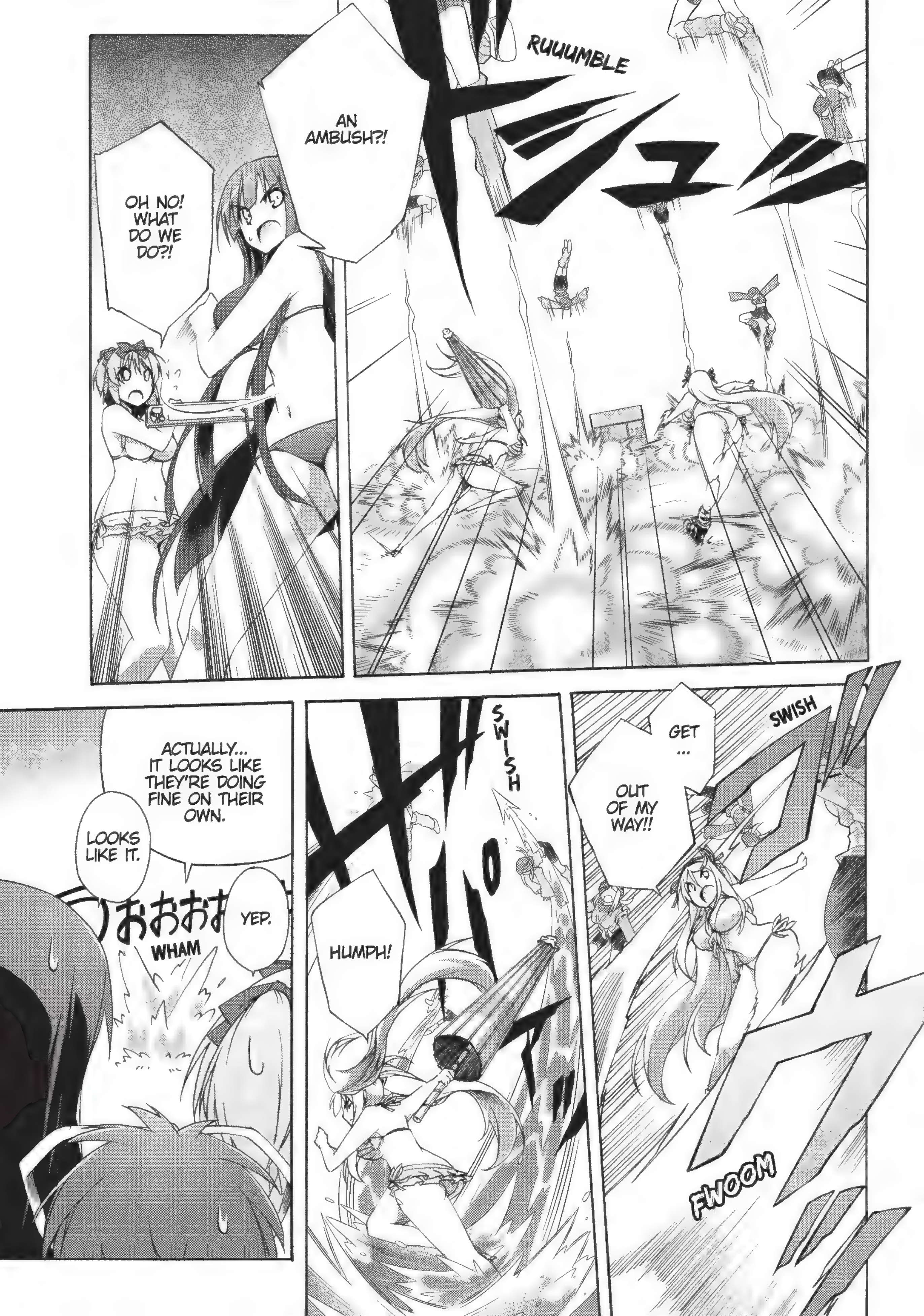

THAT'S... *IMPOSSIBLE!!*
IN HERE.
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?!
I PUT IT *RIGHT HERE!*
EVERYONE, FAN OUT AND LOOK FOR IT!
MAYBE IT FELL.
YES, MA'AM!
O-OKAY!
OH MY GOD!!
WHAT?
DID YOU FIND IT?
YOU MUST HAVE.
N- NO.
POINT
TREMBLE

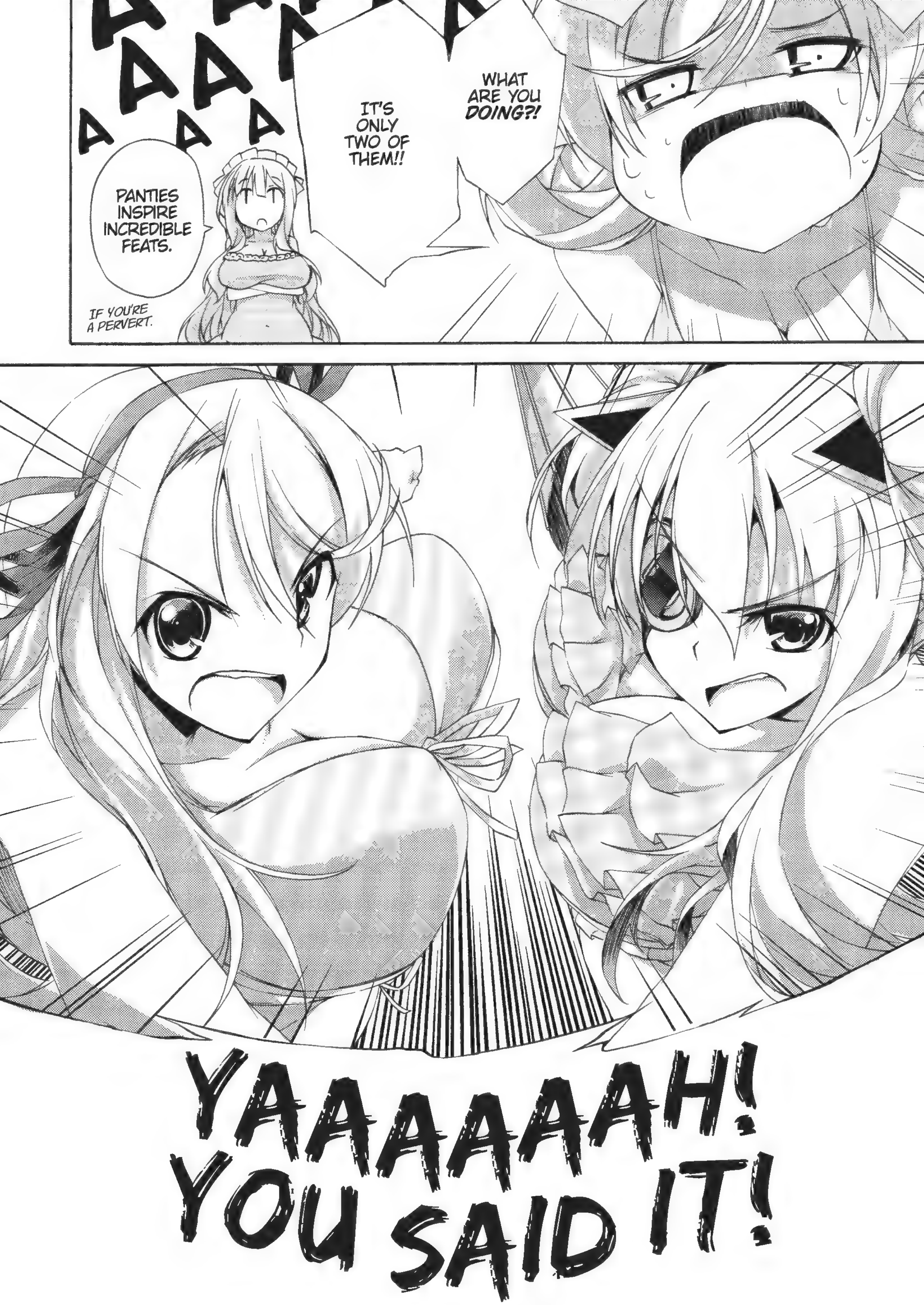

THOSE ARE OUR CLOTHES AND PANTIES OVER THERE...
CURRY RICE
HANZO ACADEMY USED CLOTHING SALE
GET 'EM CHEAP! CHEAP! EVERYTHING MUST GO!
WHAAAAAT?!

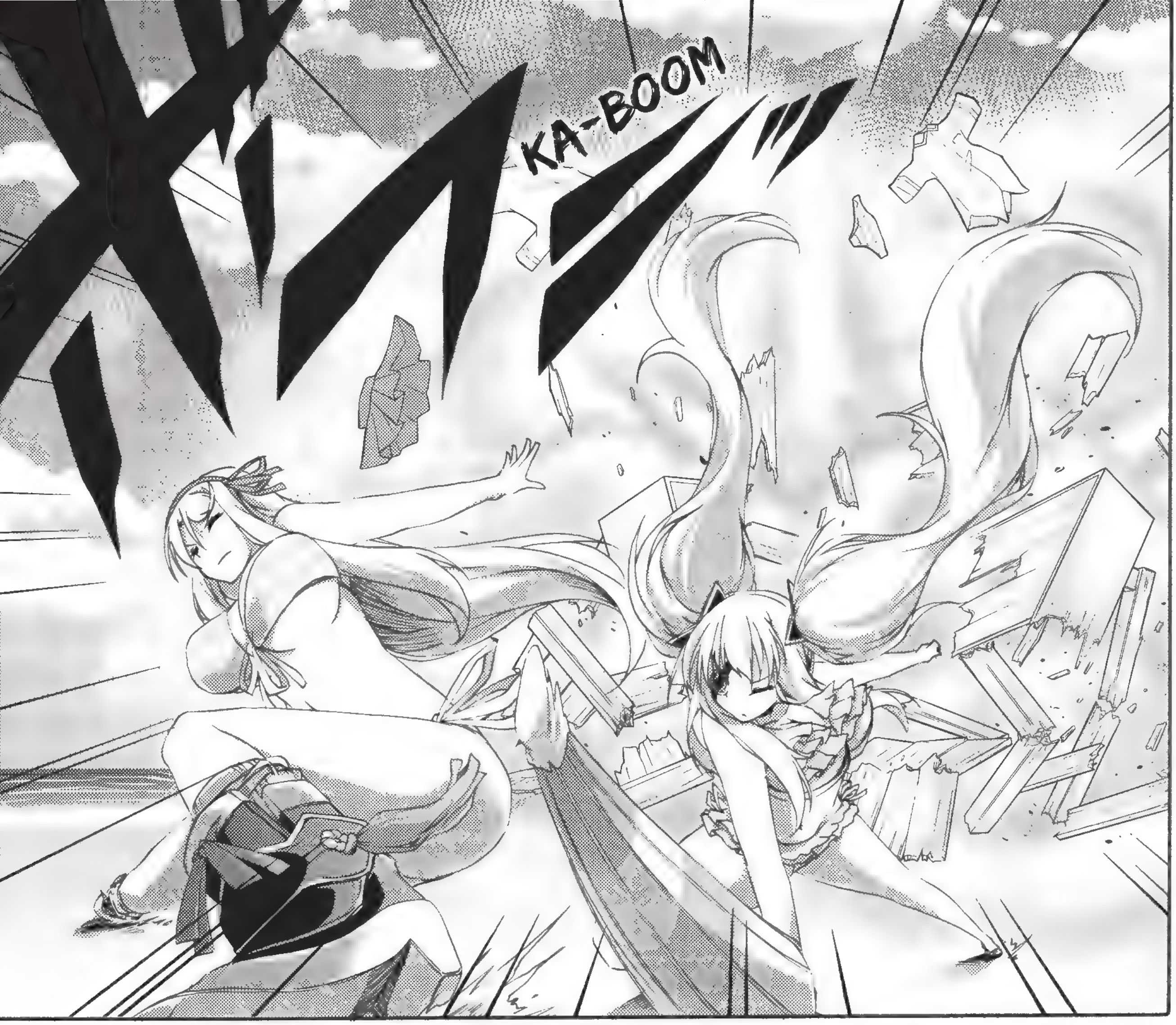

HA!
THEY'RE DEVASTATED ...
EXACTLY ACCORDING TO PLAN.
JUST AS I PLANNED...
AND WHAT A GRAND PLAN IT WAS.
THEY'RE JUST ORDINARY, CHEAP HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS...

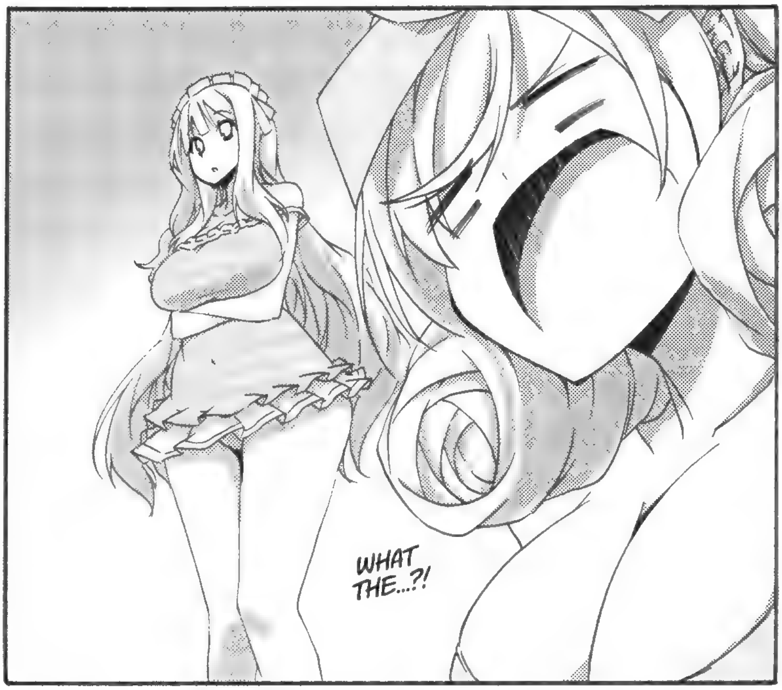

WE *HAVE* TO GET THEM BACK!
WHAT IF SOMEBODY BUYS THEM?!
WAAAH!
!!
I WON'T ALLOW ***ANYONE*** TO HAVE HIBARI'S PANTIES!!
THOSE PANTIES ARE ***ALL MINE!!***

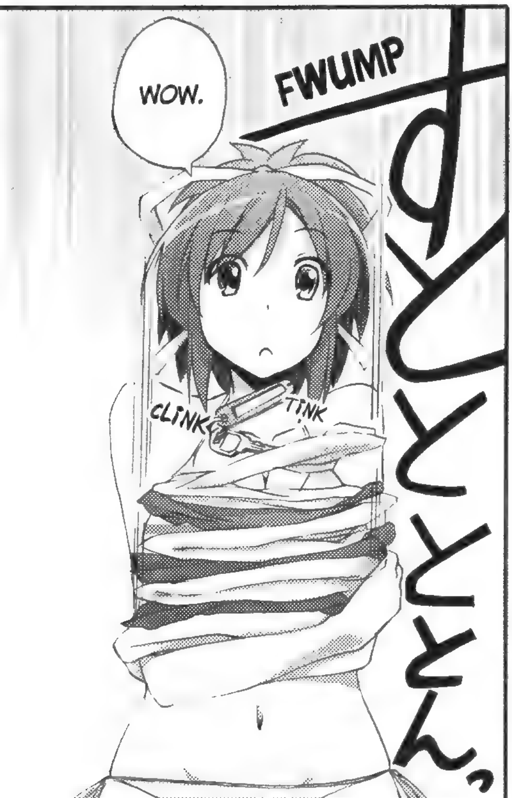

DASH
U-US, TOO...!
LET'S GO, GIRLS!
Y-YEAH!!
チャキッ
SHEEN
HEH HEH.
YOU WON'T GET THEM BACK SO EASILY...
SNAP

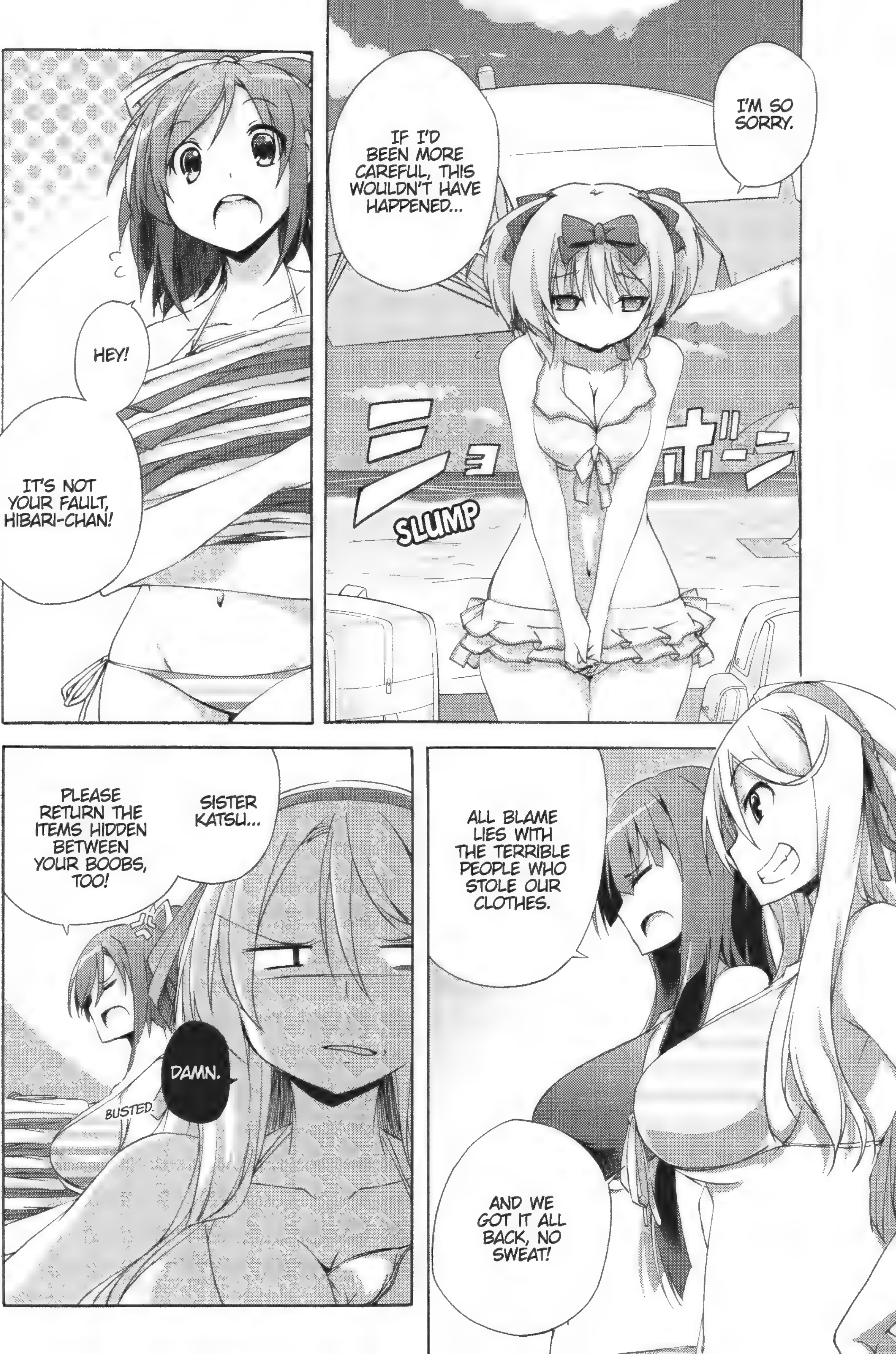

RUUUMBLE
AN AMBUSH?!
OH NO! WHAT DO WE DO?!
SWISH
GET ...
OUT OF MY WAY!!
FWOOM
SWISH
HUMPH!
ACTUALLY... IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DOING FINE ON THEIR OWN.
LOOKS LIKE IT.
YEP.
WHAM

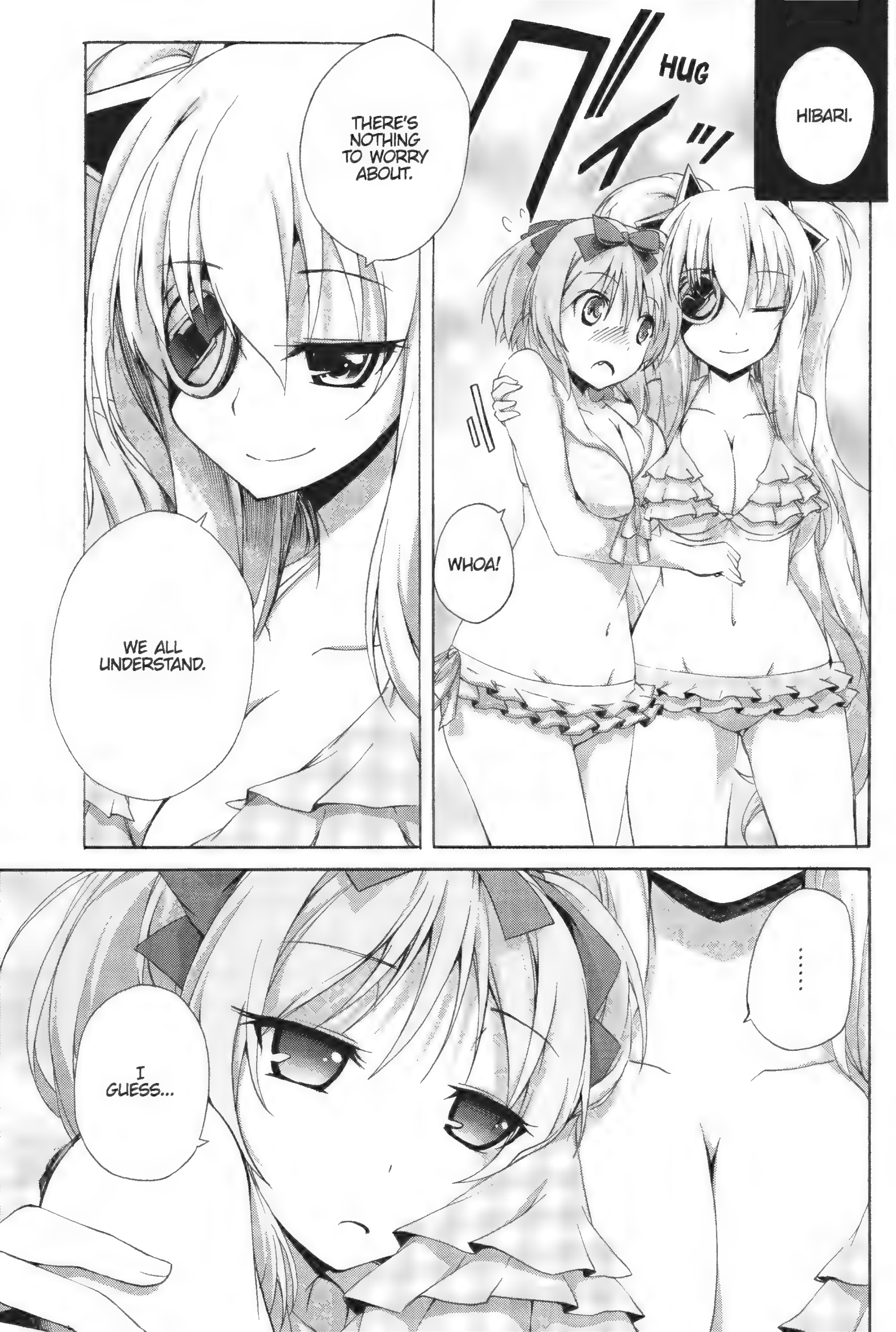

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?!*
IT'S ONLY TWO OF THEM!!
AAAAAAAAAAA
PANTIES INSPIRE INCREDIBLE FEATS.
IF YOU'RE A PERVERT.
YAAAAAAH! YOU SAID IT!

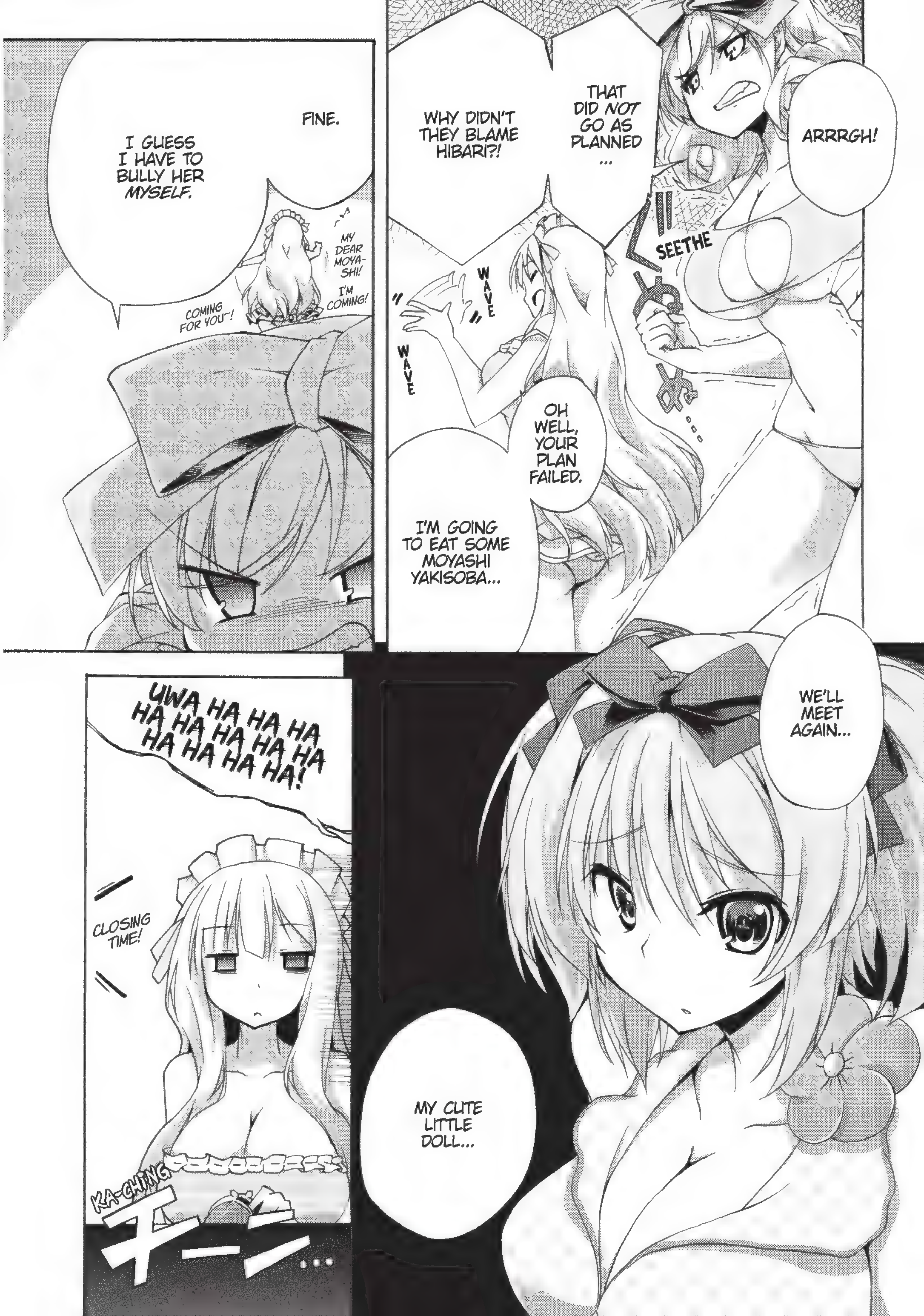

KA-BOOM

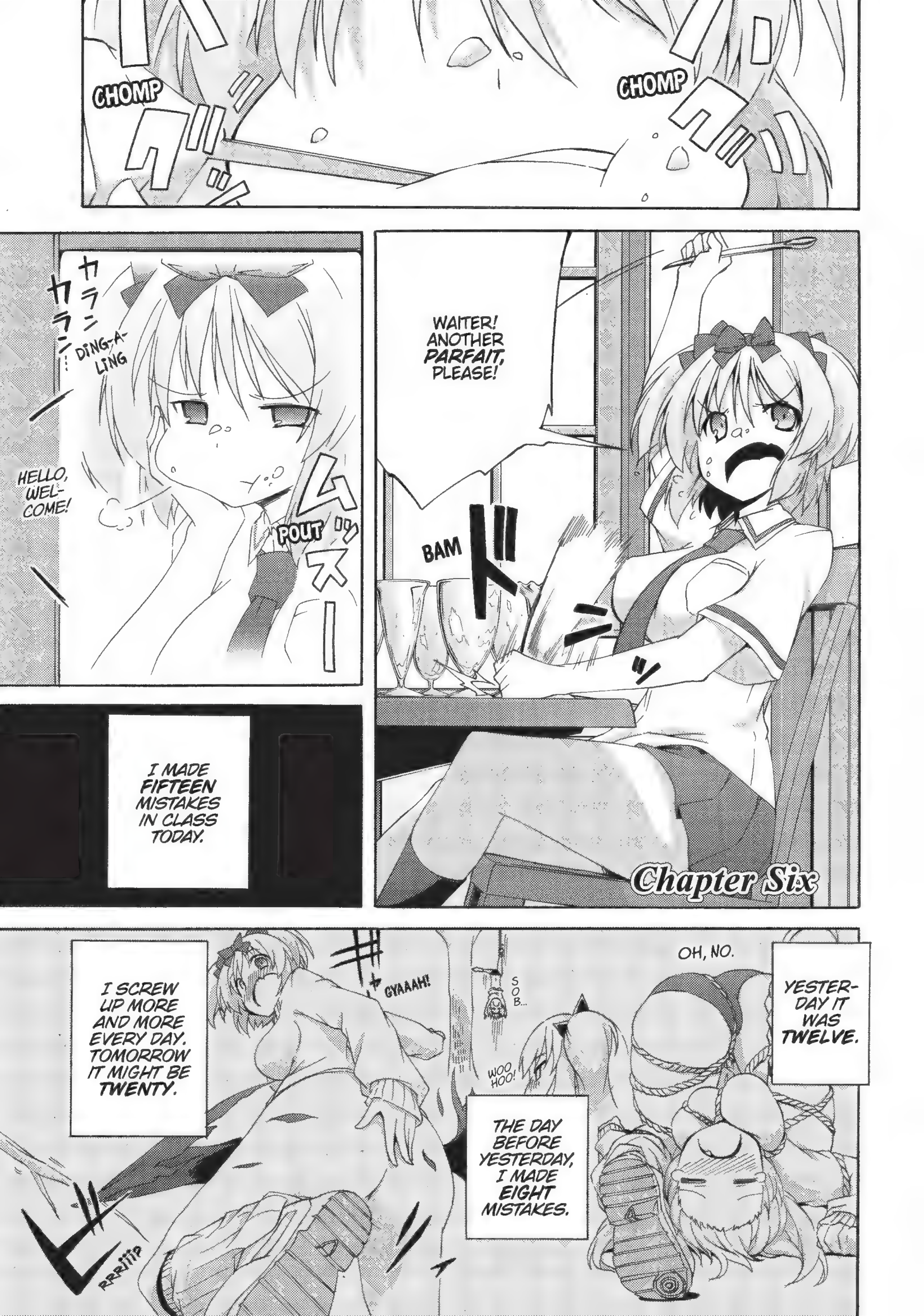

WHAT THE...?!

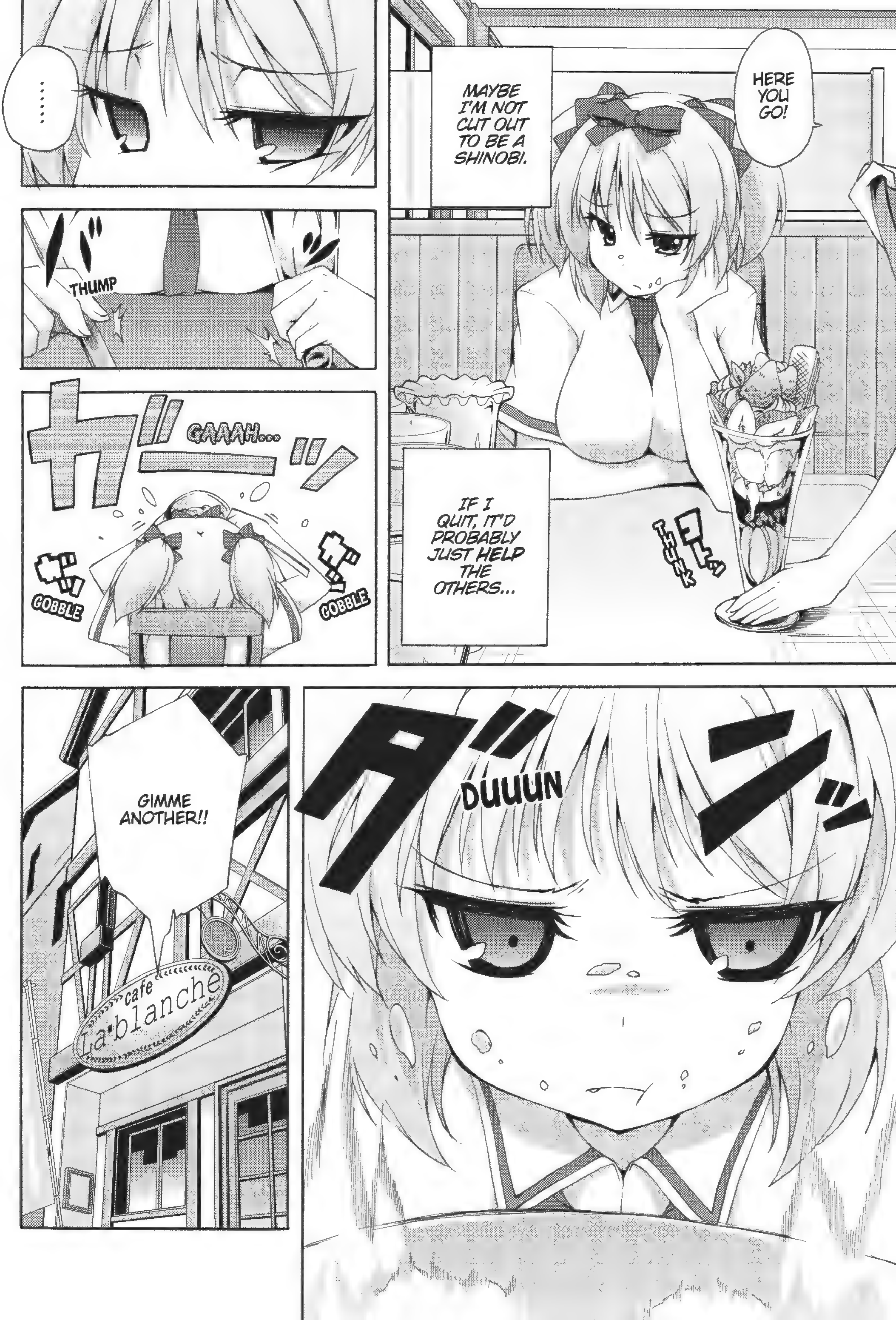

WOW.
FWUMP
すとととんっ
CLINK
TINK

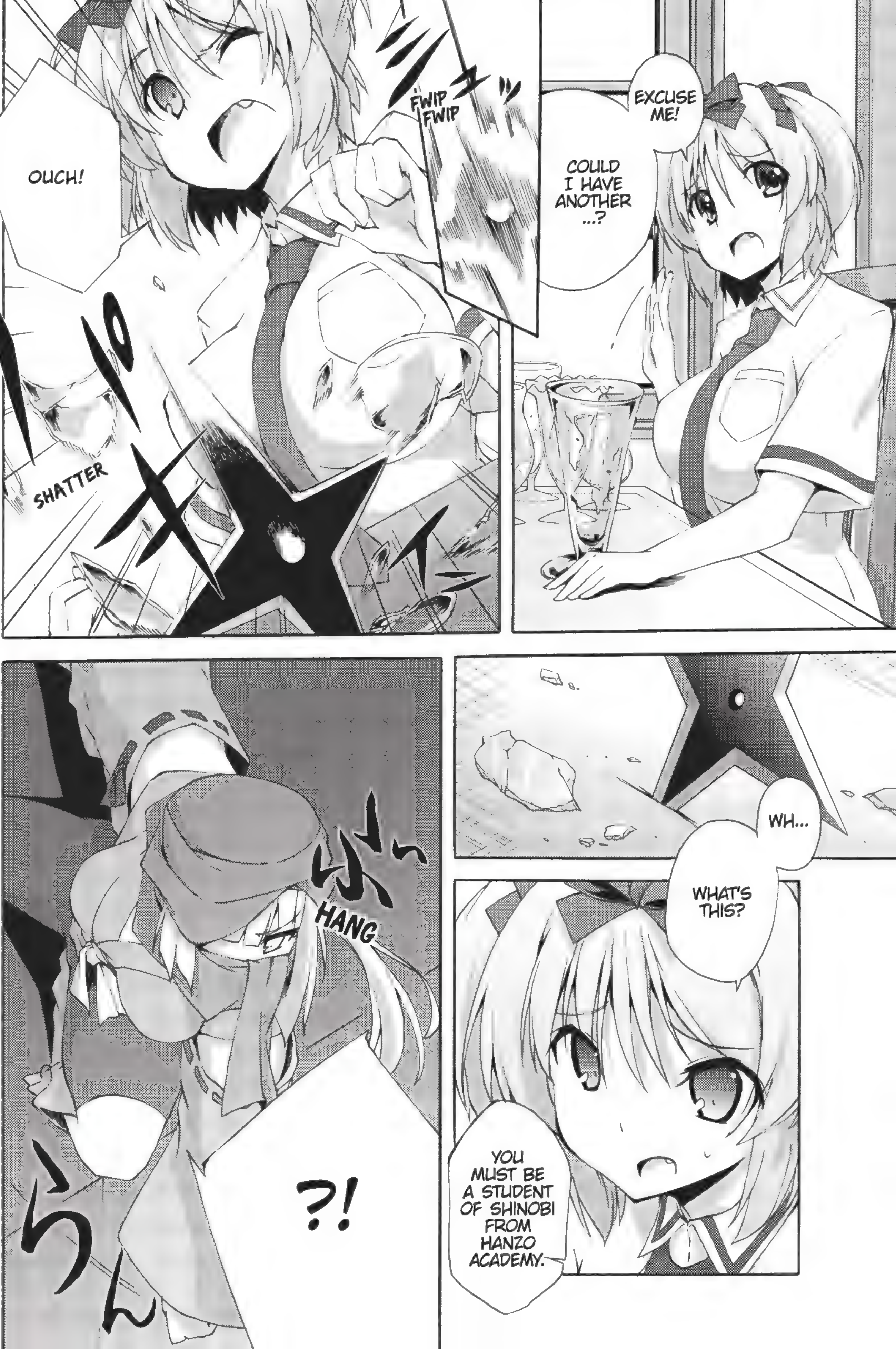

I'M SO SORRY.
IF I'D BEEN MORE CAREFUL, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED...
ショボーン
SLUMP
HEY!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, HIBARI-CHAN!
ALL BLAME LIES WITH THE TERRIBLE PEOPLE WHO STOLE OUR CLOTHES.
AND WE GOT IT ALL BACK, NO SWEAT!
SISTER KATSU...
PLEASE RETURN THE ITEMS HIDDEN BETWEEN YOUR BOOBS, TOO!
DAMN.
BUSTED.

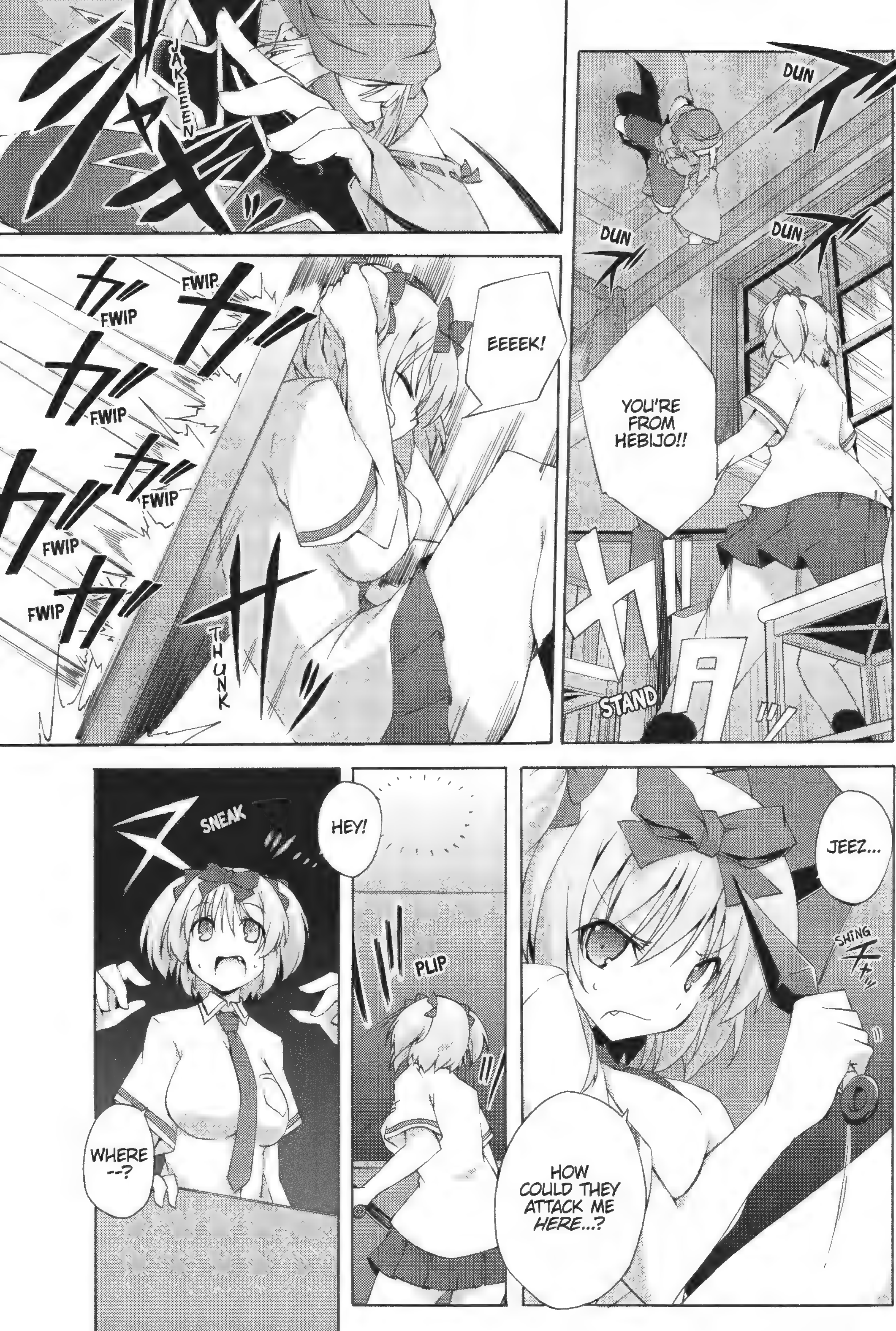

HIBARI.
HUG
WHOA!
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
WE ALL UNDERSTAND.
......
I GUESS...

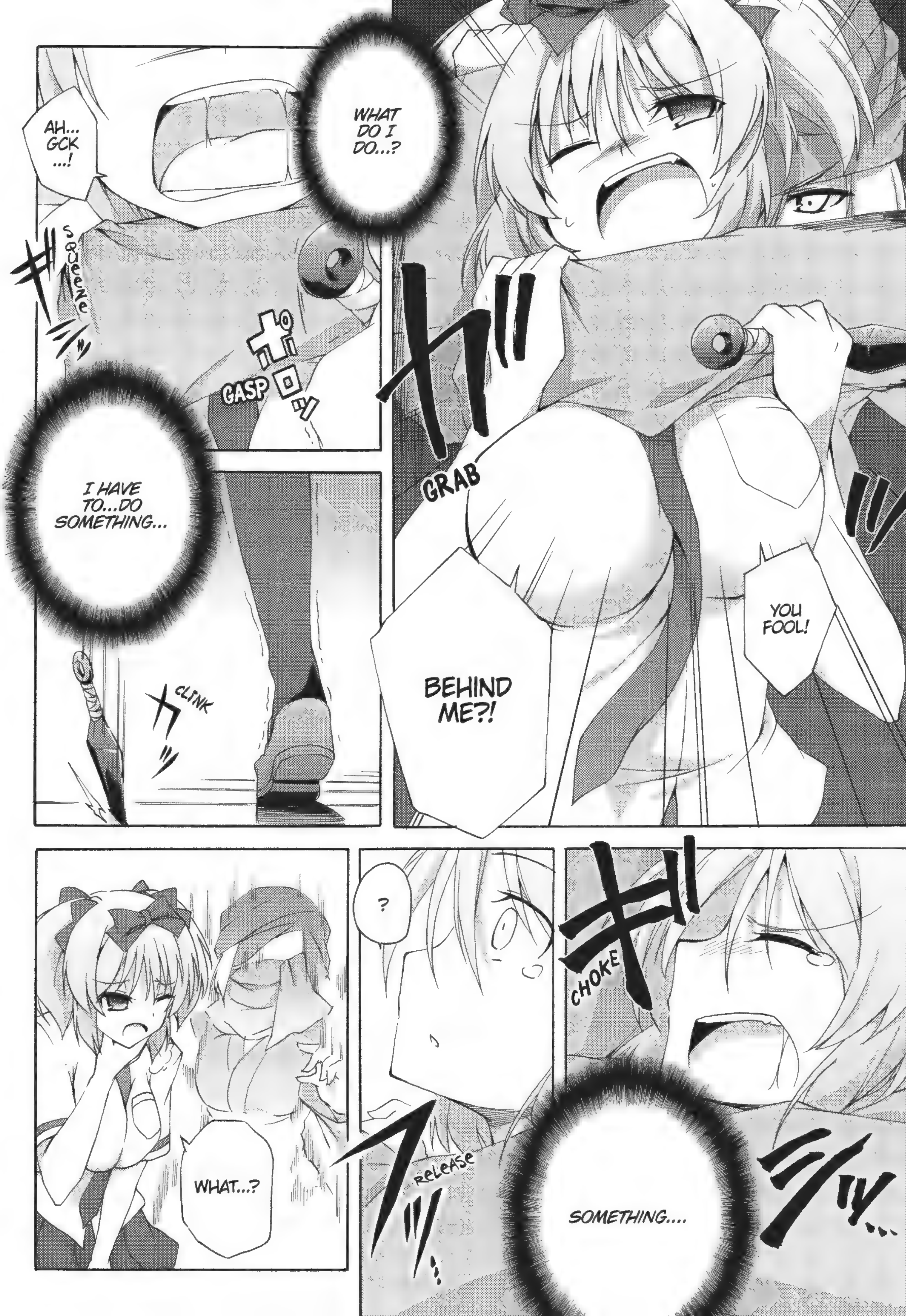

ARRRGH!
THAT DID *NOT* GO AS PLANNED...
WHY DIDN'T THEY BLAME HIBARI?!
SEETHE
WAVE
WAVE
OH WELL, YOUR PLAN FAILED.
I'M GOING TO EAT SOME MOYASHI YAKISOBA...
FINE.
I GUESS I HAVE TO BULLY HER *MYSELF*.
MY DEAR MOYA-SHI! I'M COMING!
COMING FOR YOU~!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN...
MY CUTE LITTLE DOLL...
UWA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
CLOSING TIME!
KA-CHING
チーン...

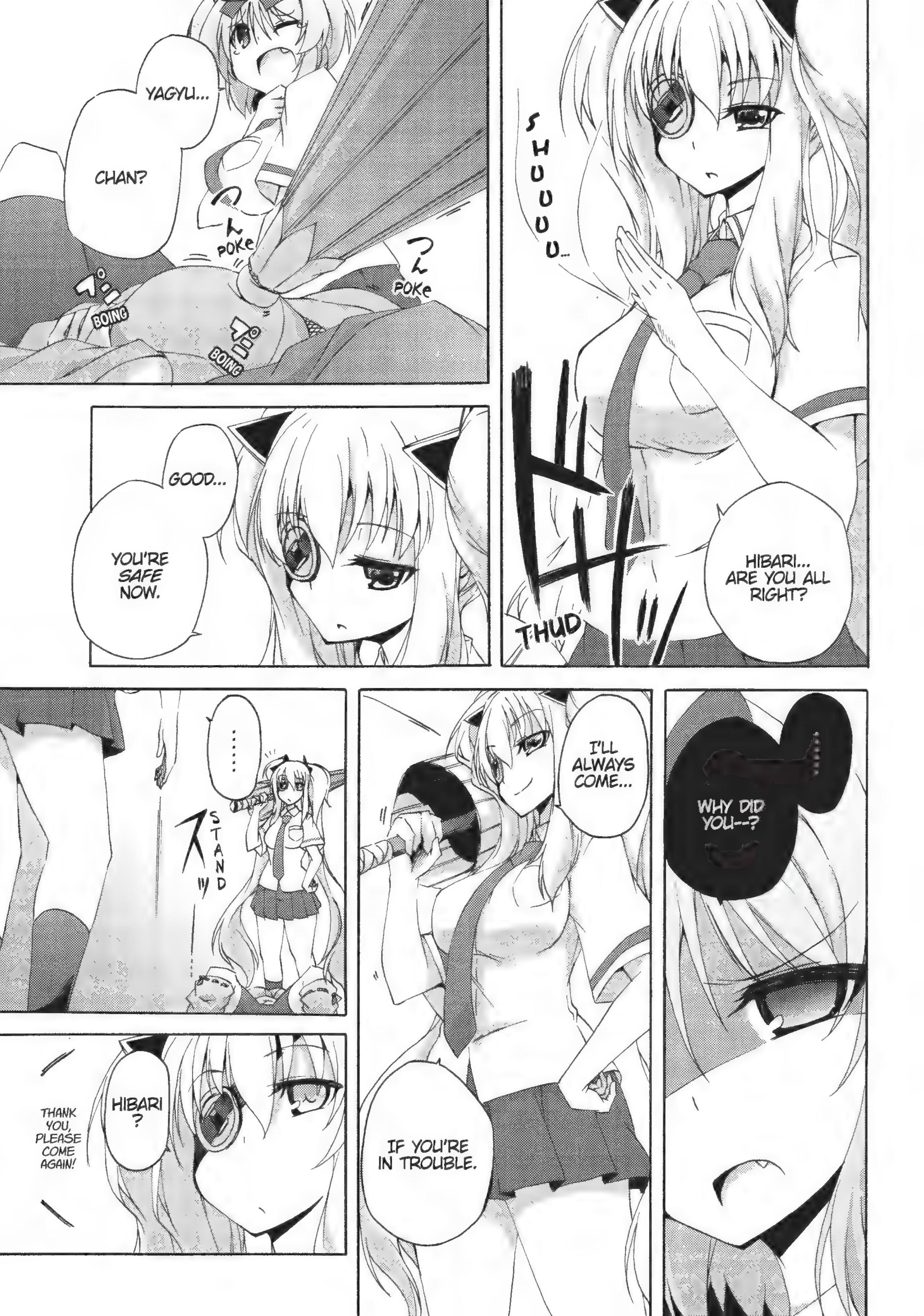

CHOMP
CHOMP
WAITER! ANOTHER PARFAIT, PLEASE!
ドン
BAM
カラン カラン…
DING-A-LING
HELLO, WEL-COME!
ムッスー
POUT
I MADE FIFTEEN MISTAKES IN CLASS TODAY.
Chapter Six
YESTER-DAY IT WAS TWELVE.
OH, NO.
THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, I MADE EIGHT MISTAKES.
SOB...
WOO HOO!
GYAAAH!
I SCREW UP MORE AND MORE EVERY DAY. TOMORROW IT MIGHT BE TWENTY.
RRRIIIP

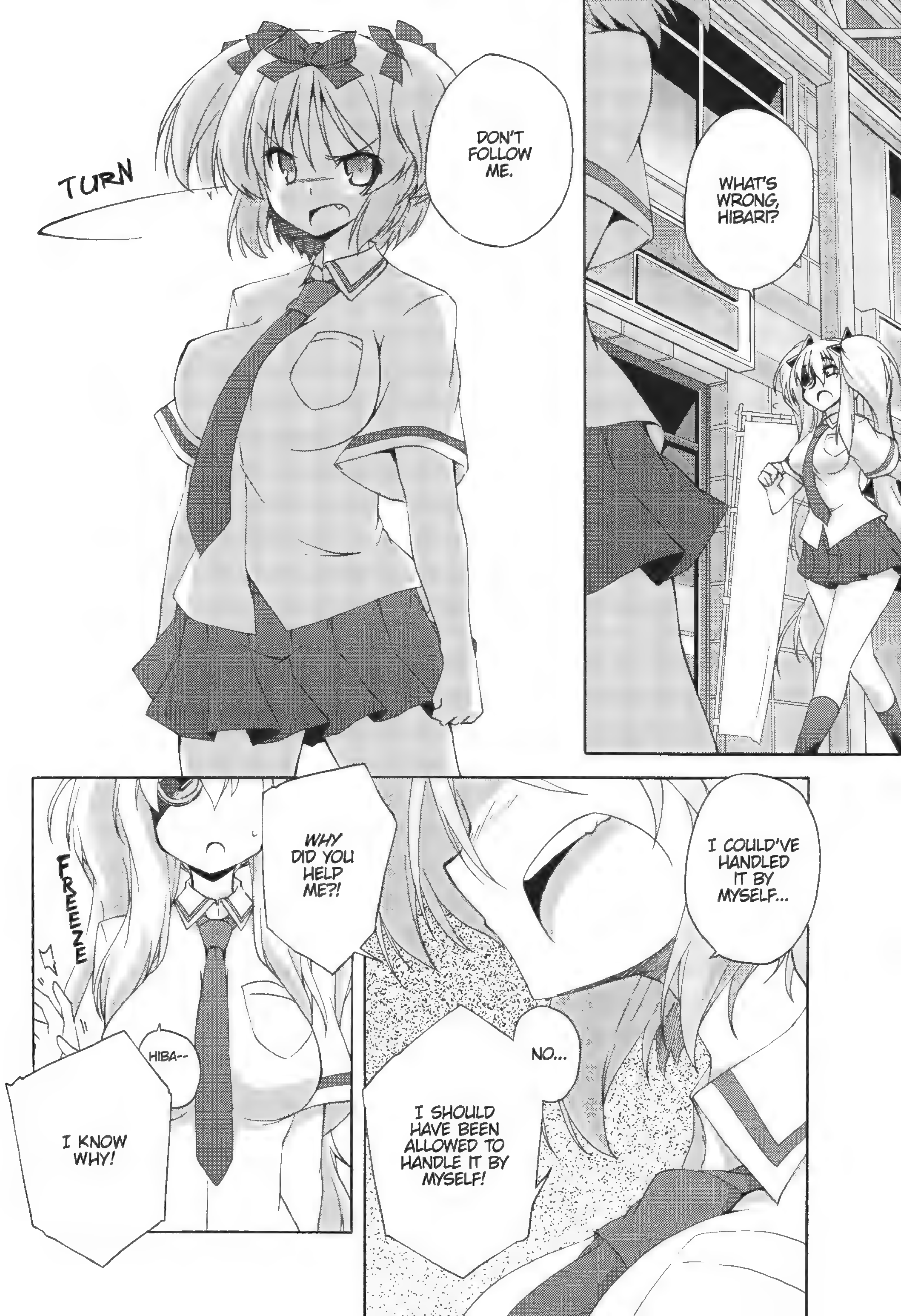

HERE YOU GO!
MAYBE I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE A SHINOBI.
IF I QUIT, IT'D PROBABLY JUST HELP THE OTHERS...
THUNK
......
THUMP
GAAAH...
GOBBLE
GOBBLE
DUUUN
GIMME ANOTHER!!
cafe La blanche

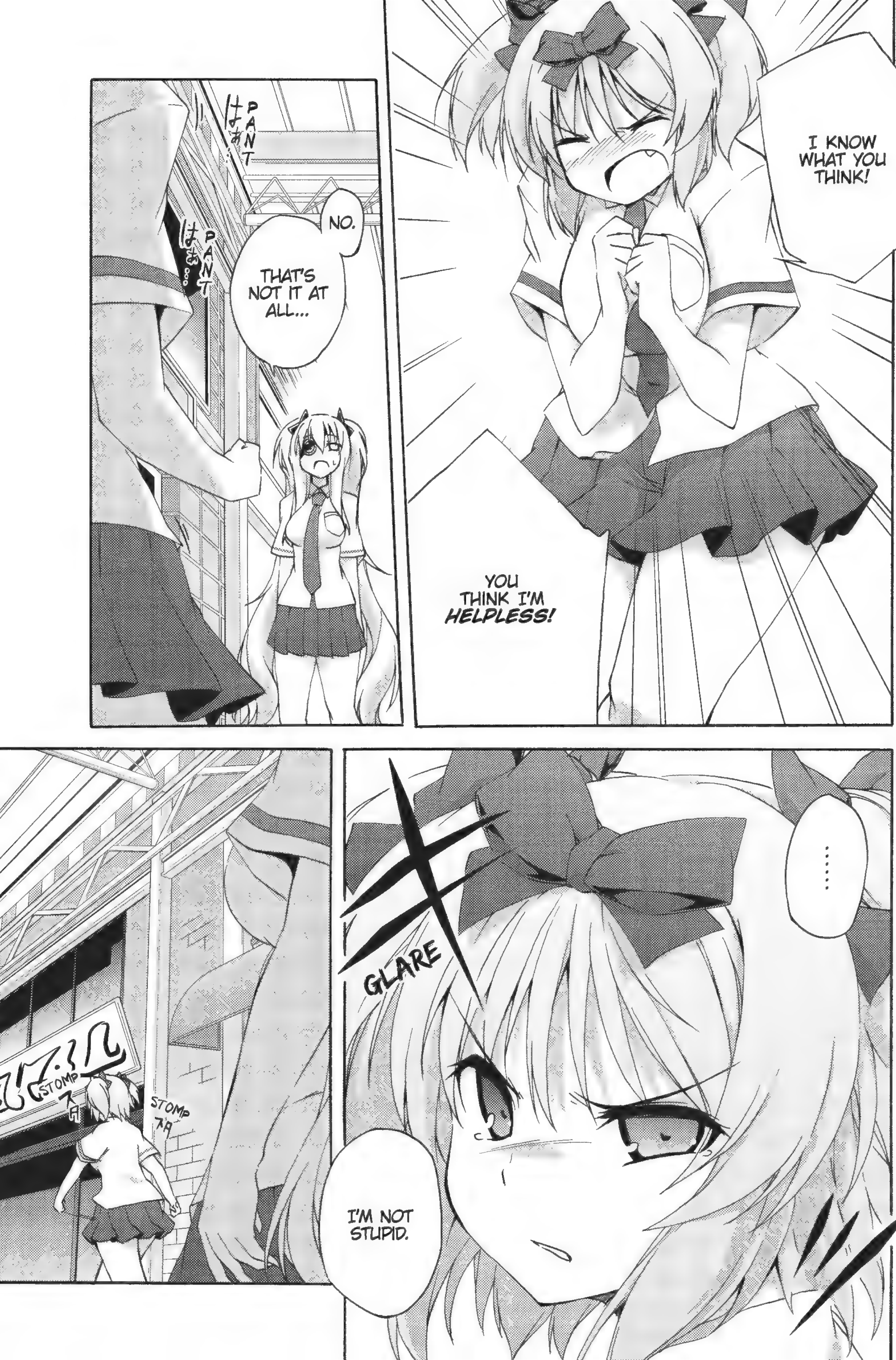

EXCUSE ME!
COULD I HAVE ANOTHER ...?
FWIP FWIP
OUCH!
SHATTER
WH...
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU MUST BE A STUDENT OF SHINOBI FROM HANZO ACADEMY.
HANG
?!

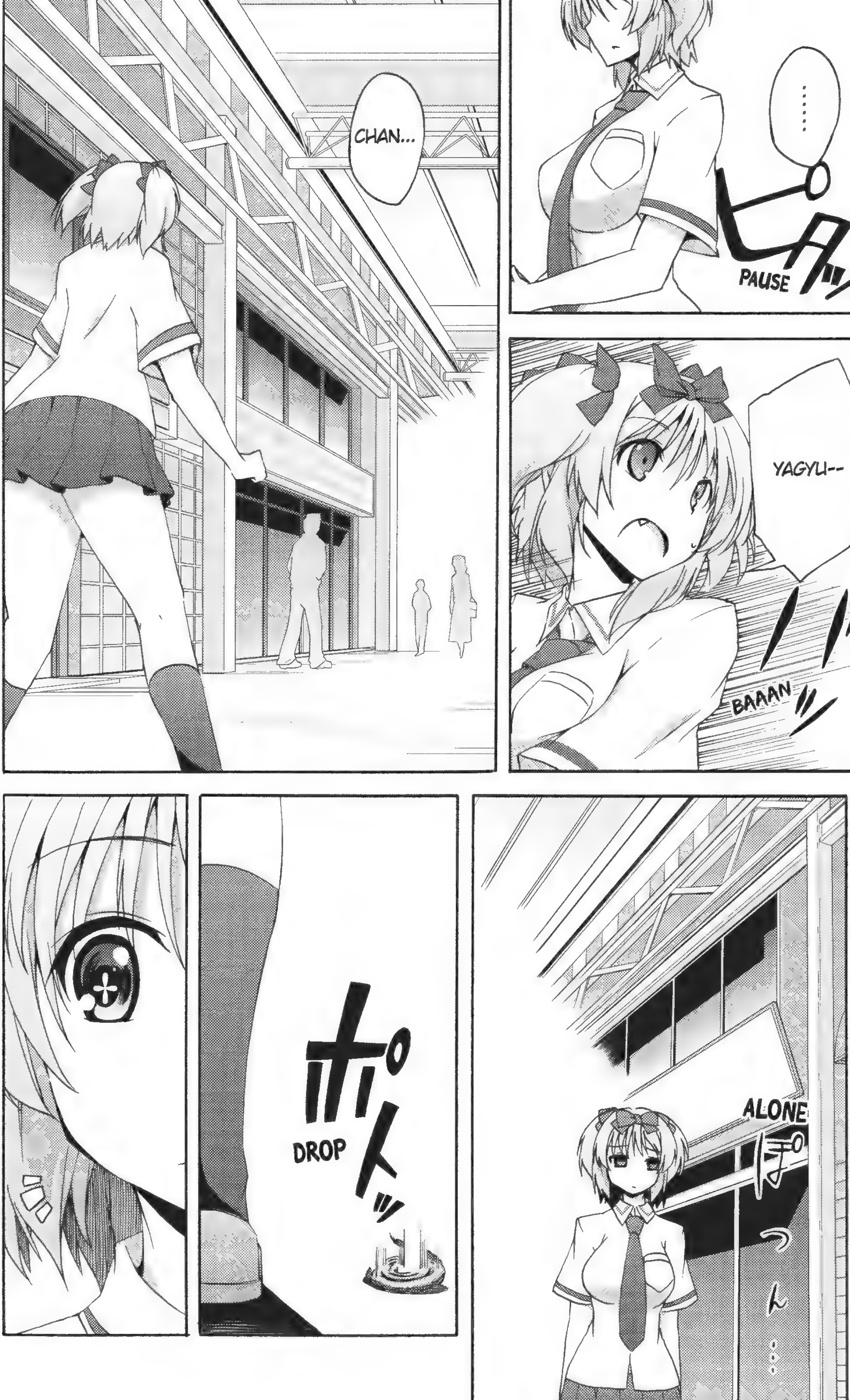

DUN
DUN
DUN
YOU'RE FROM HEBIJO!!
STAND
JAKEEEN
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
EEEEK!
THUNK
JEEZ...
SHING
HOW COULD THEY ATTACK ME *HERE*...?
HEY!
PLIP
SNEAK
WHERE--?

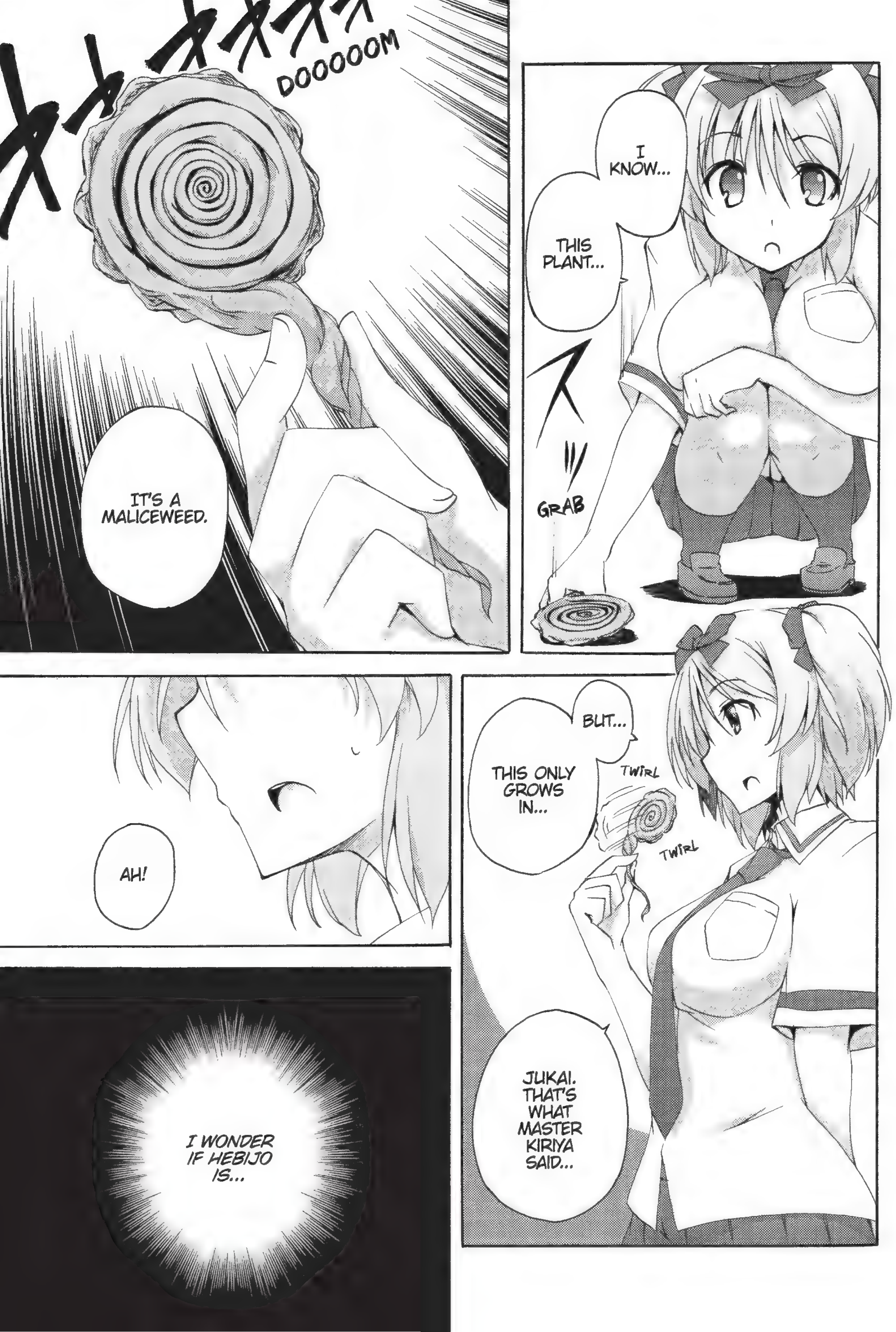

YOU FOOL!
BEHIND ME?!
GRAB
WHAT DO I DO...?
AH... GCK ...!
squeeze
GASP
I HAVE TO...DO SOMETHING...
CLINK
CHOKE
SOMETHING....
?
release
WHAT...?

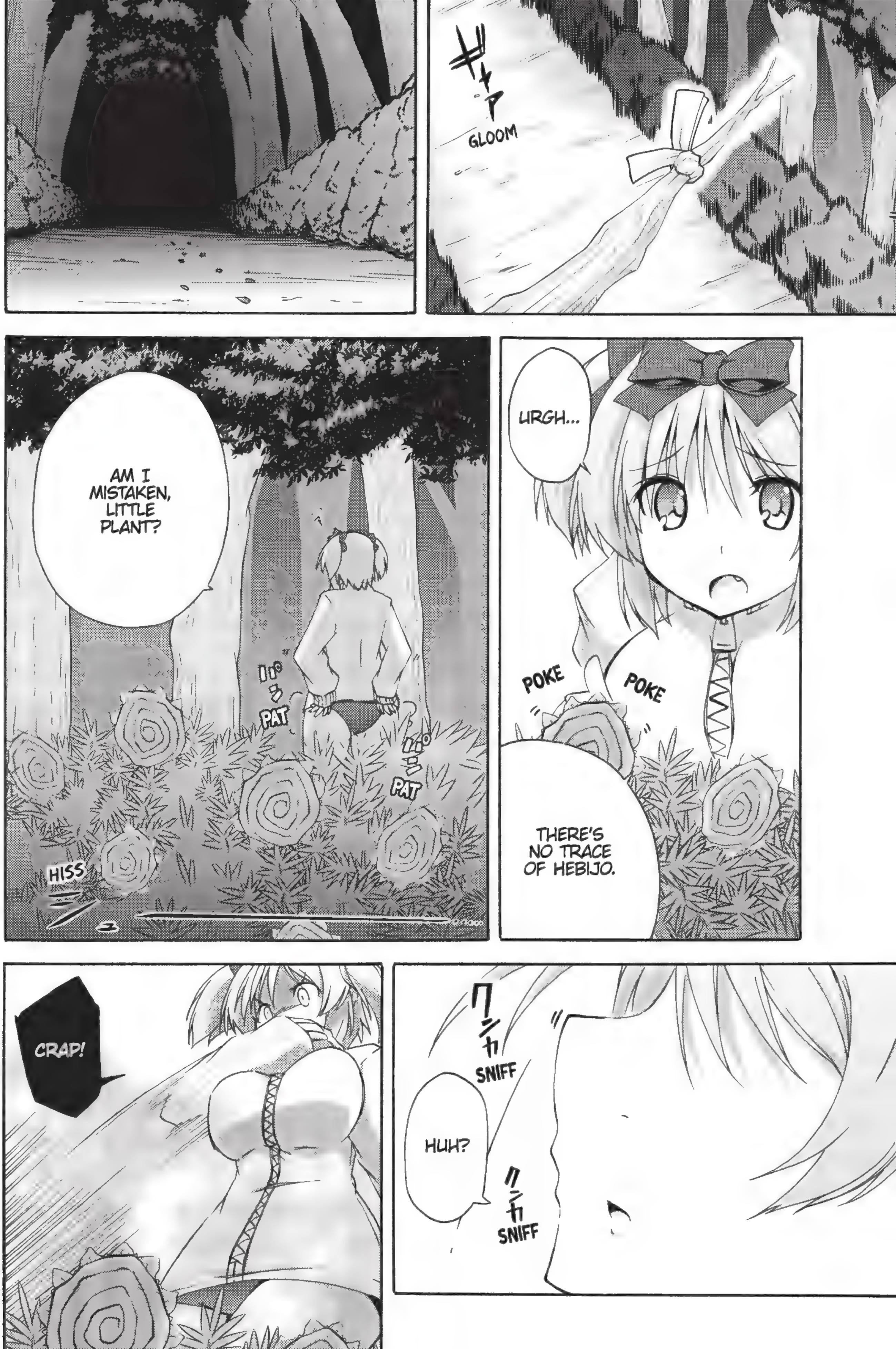

SHUUUUU...
HIBARI... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THUD
YAGYU... CHAN?
POKE
POKE
BOING
BOING
GOOD...
YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
......
WHY DID YOU--?
I'LL ALWAYS COME...
IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.
......
STAND
HIBARI?
THANK YOU, PLEASE COME AGAIN!

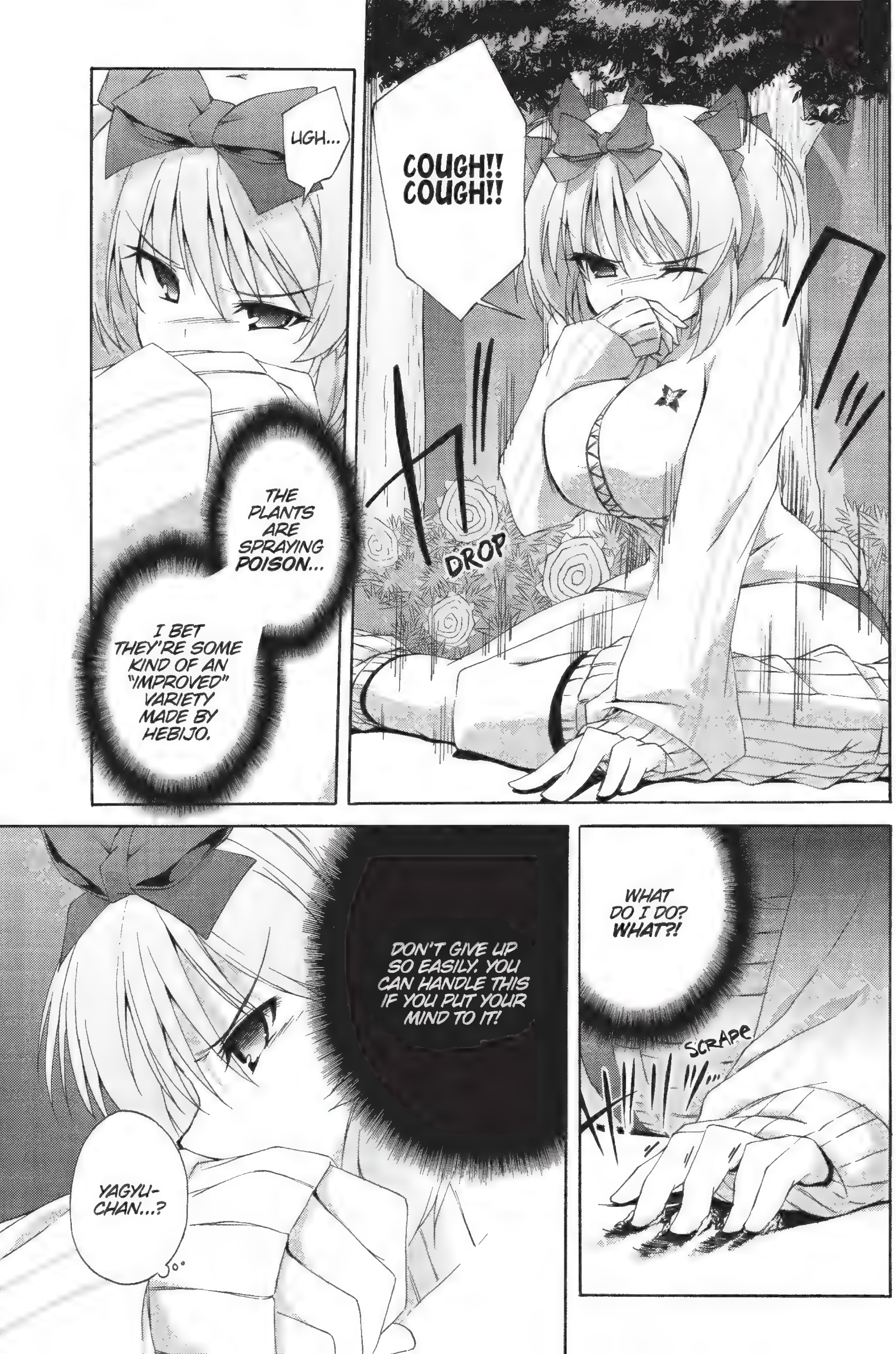

WHAT'S WRONG, HIBARI?
TURN
DON'T FOLLOW ME.
WHY DID YOU HELP ME?!
I COULD'VE HANDLED IT BY MYSELF...
FREEZE
HIBA--
NO...
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO HANDLE IT BY MYSELF!
I KNOW WHY!

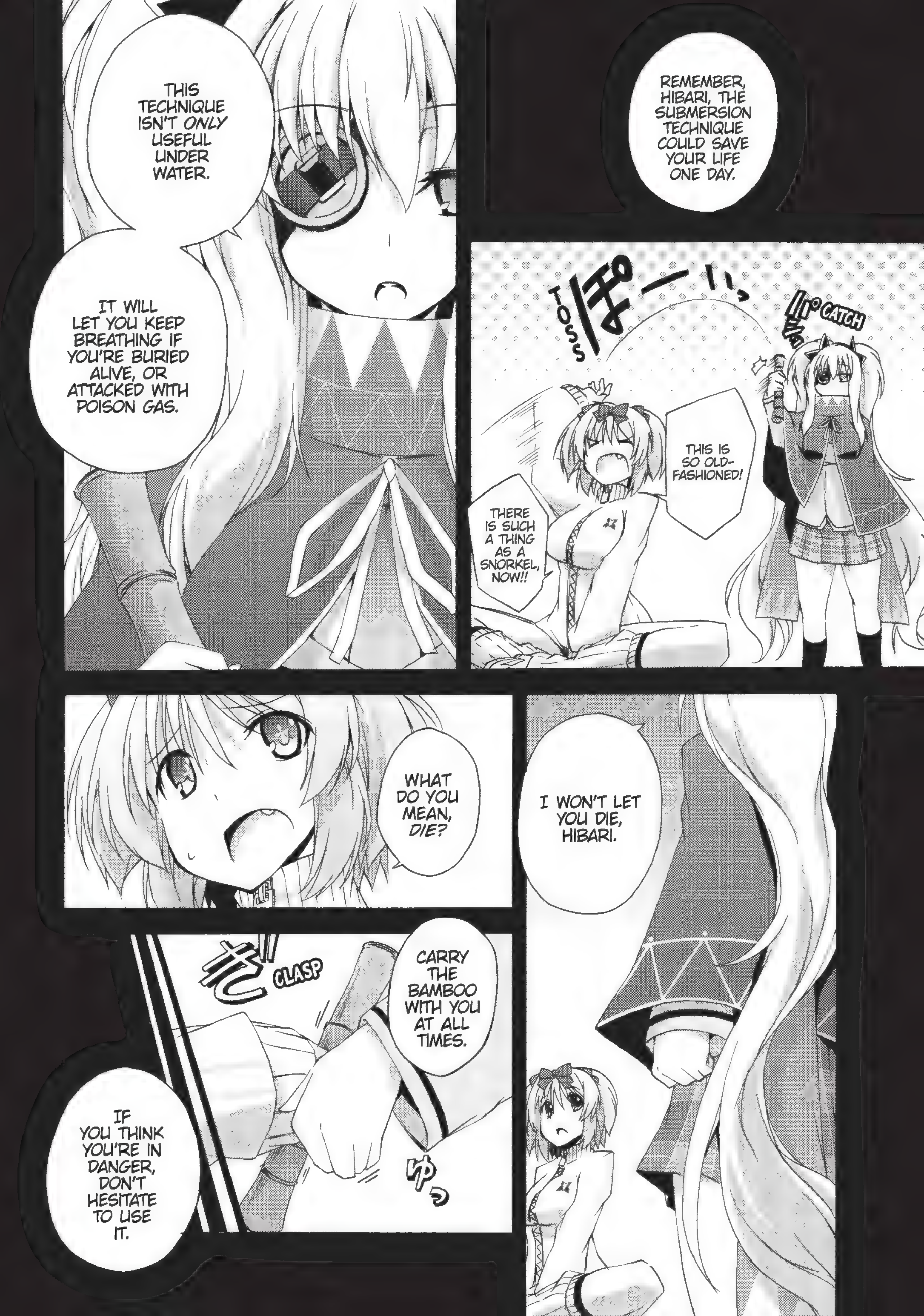

I KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!
YOU THINK I'M *HELPLESS!*
PANT はぁ
NO.
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL...
PANT はぁ…
……
GLARE
I'M NOT STUPID.
STOMP スタ
STOMP スタ

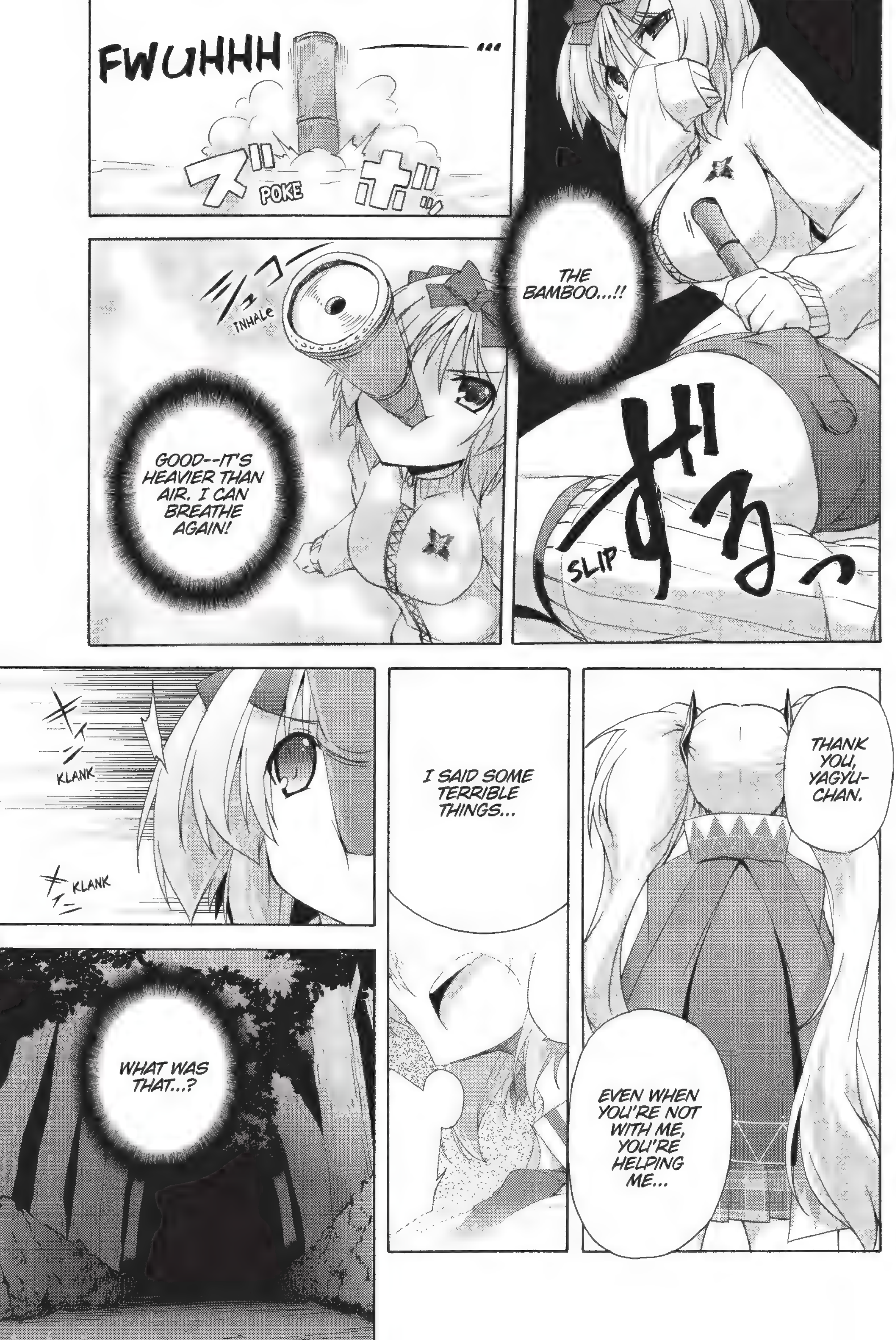

……
PAUSE
ピタッ…
YAGYU--
BAAAN
CHAN...
ALONE
ぽつん…
DROP
ポトッ

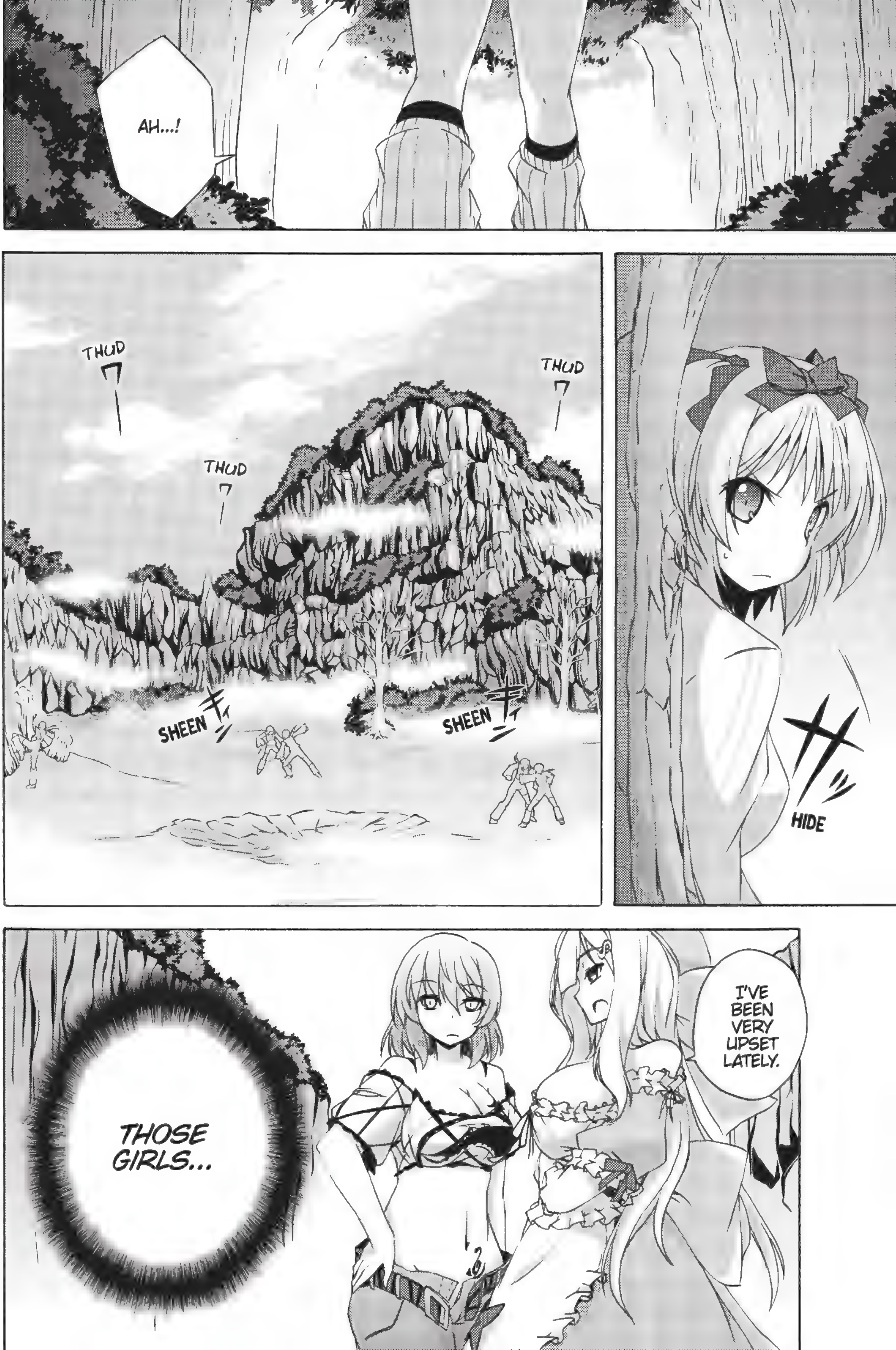

I KNOW...
THIS PLANT...
GRAB
DOOOOOM
IT'S A MALICEWEED.
BUT...
THIS ONLY GROWS IN...
TWIRL
TWIRL
JUKAI. THAT'S WHAT MASTER KIRIYA SAID...
AH!
I WONDER IF HEBIJO IS...

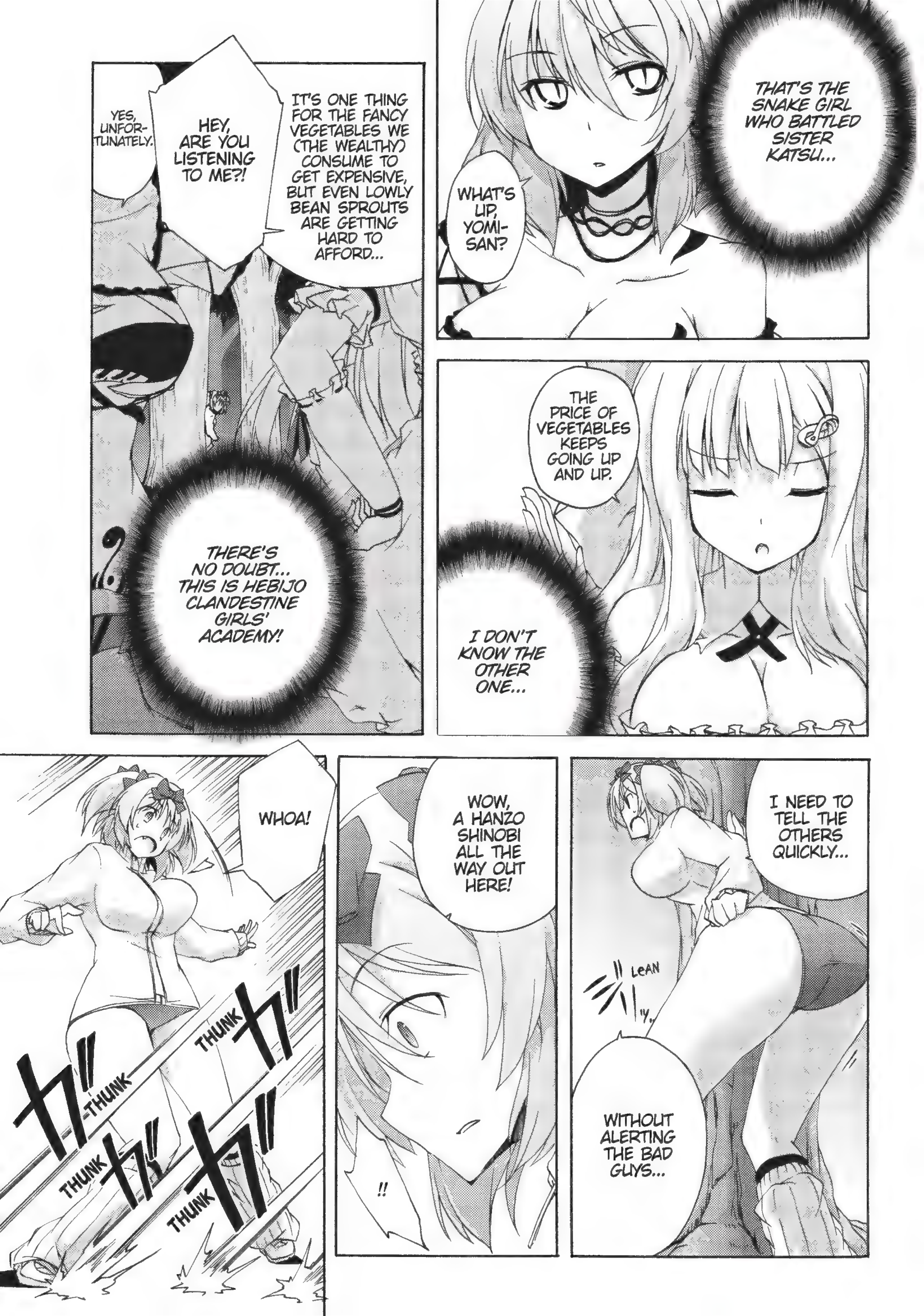

GLOOM
URGH...
POKE
POKE
THERE'S NO TRACE OF HEBIJO.
AM I MISTAKEN, LITTLE PLANT?
PAT
PAT
HISS
SNIFF
HUH?
SNIFF
CRAP!

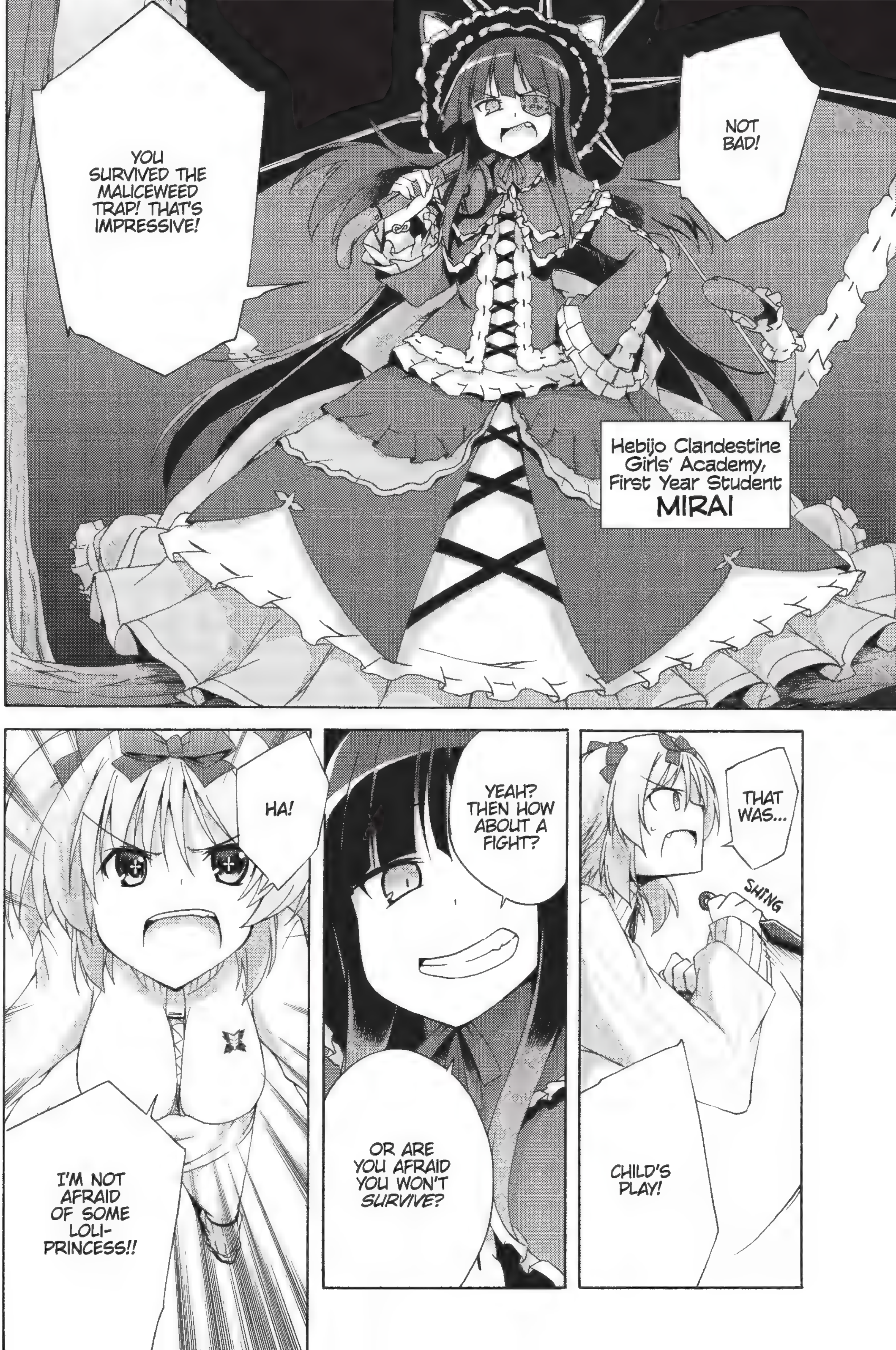

COUGH!! COUGH!!
DROP
UGH...
THE PLANTS ARE SPRAYING POISON...
I BET THEY'RE SOME KIND OF AN "IMPROVED" VARIETY MADE BY HEBIJO.
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT?!
SCRAPE
DON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY. YOU CAN HANDLE THIS IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT!
YAGYU-CHAN...?

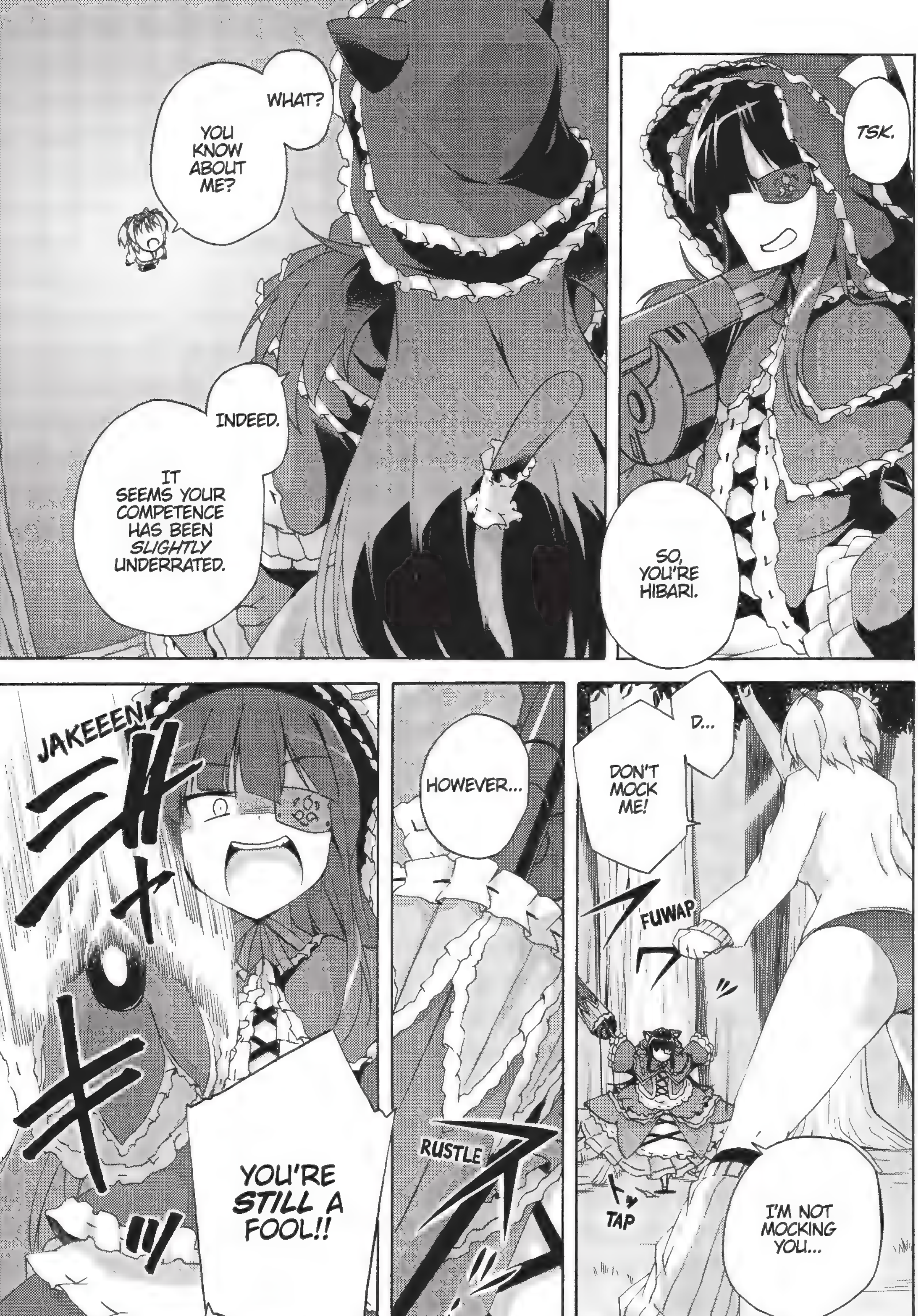

REMEMBER, HIBARI, THE SUBMERSION TECHNIQUE COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE ONE DAY.
ぽーいっ TOSS
ぱしっ CATCH
THIS IS SO OLD-FASHIONED!
THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A SNORKEL, NOW!!
THIS TECHNIQUE ISN'T *ONLY* USEFUL UNDER WATER.
IT WILL LET YOU KEEP BREATHING IF YOU'RE BURIED ALIVE, OR ATTACKED WITH POISON GAS.
I WON'T LET YOU DIE, HIBARI.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, *DIE*?
CARRY THE BAMBOO WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.
ぎっ CLASP
ゆっ
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE IN DANGER, DON'T HESITATE TO USE IT.

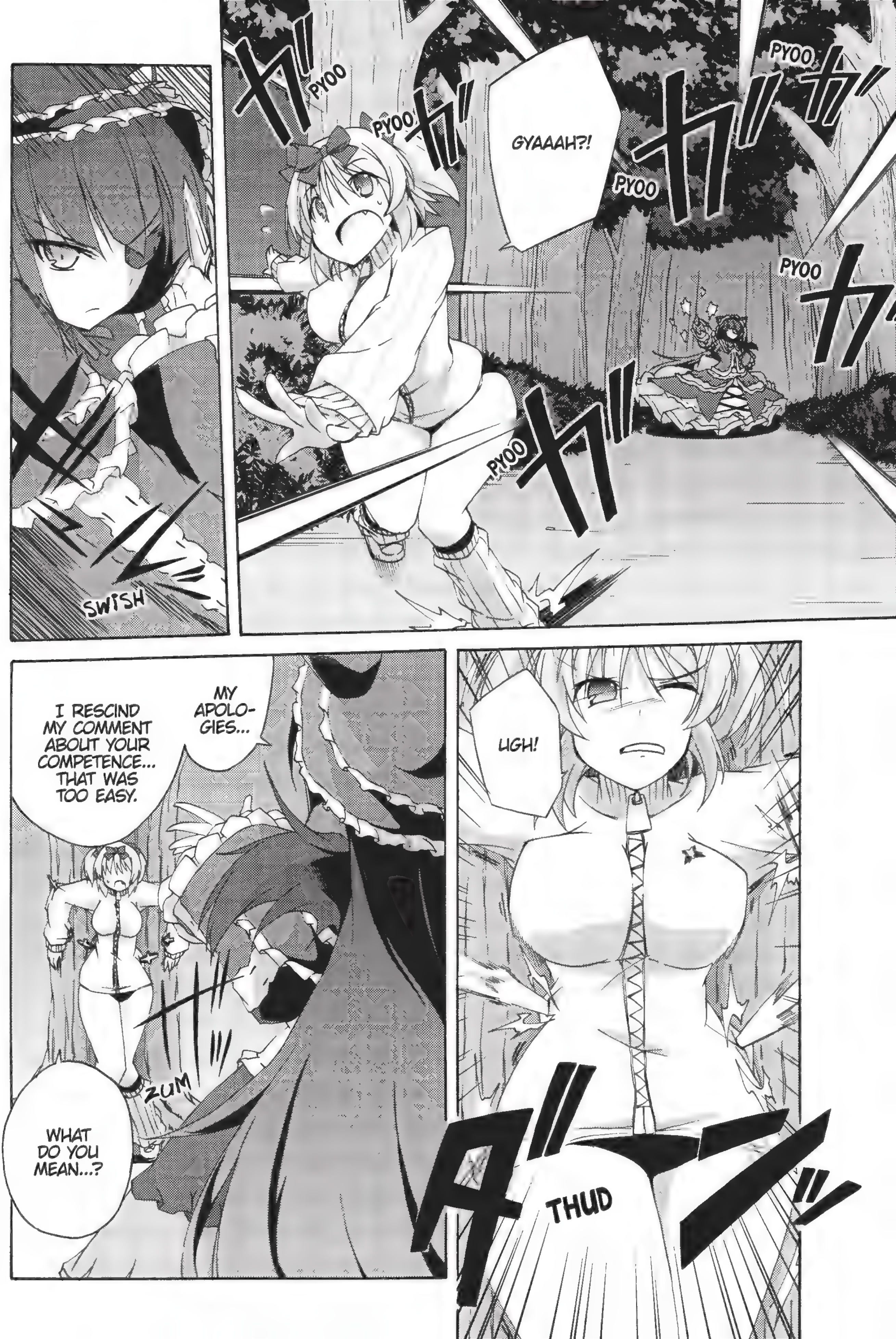

THE BAMBOO...!!
SLIP
FWUHHH———...
POKE
INHALE
GOOD--IT'S HEAVIER THAN AIR. I CAN BREATHE AGAIN!
THANK YOU, YAGYU-CHAN.
EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT WITH ME, YOU'RE HELPING ME...
I SAID SOME TERRIBLE THINGS...
KLANK
KLANK
WHAT WAS THAT...?


AH...!
HIDE
THUD
THUD
THUD
SHEEN
SHEEN
I'VE BEEN VERY UPSET LATELY.
THOSE GIRLS...


WHAT'S UP, YOMI-SAN?
THAT'S THE SNAKE GIRL WHO BATTLED SISTER KATSU...
THE PRICE OF VEGETABLES KEEPS GOING UP AND UP.
I DON'T KNOW THE OTHER ONE...
IT'S ONE THING FOR THE FANCY VEGETABLES WE (THE WEALTHY) CONSUME TO GET EXPENSIVE, BUT EVEN LOWLY BEAN SPROUTS ARE GETTING HARD TO AFFORD...
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
YES, UNFORTUNATELY.
THERE'S NO DOUBT... THIS IS HEBIJO CLANDESTINE GIRLS' ACADEMY!
I NEED TO TELL THE OTHERS QUICKLY...
LEAN
WITHOUT ALERTING THE BAD GUYS...
WOW, A HANZO SHINOBI ALL THE WAY OUT HERE!
!!
WHOA!
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK


NOT BAD!
YOU SURVIVED THE MALICEWEED TRAP! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
Hebijo Clandestine Girls' Academy, First Year Student MIRAI
THAT WAS...
SHING
CHILD'S PLAY!
YEAH? THEN HOW ABOUT A FIGHT?
OR ARE YOU AFRAID YOU WON'T *SURVIVE*?
HA!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF SOME LOLI-PRINCESS!!


TSK.
SO, YOU'RE HIBARI.
WHAT?
YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
INDEED.
IT SEEMS YOUR COMPETENCE HAS BEEN *SLIGHTLY* UNDERRATED.
D...
DON'T MOCK ME!
FUWAP
TAP
I'M NOT MOCKING YOU...
HOWEVER...
RUSTLE
JAKEEEN
YOU'RE *STILL* A FOOL!!


ガ
PYOO
PYOO
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GYAAAH?!
PYOO
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PYOO
PYOO
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PYOO
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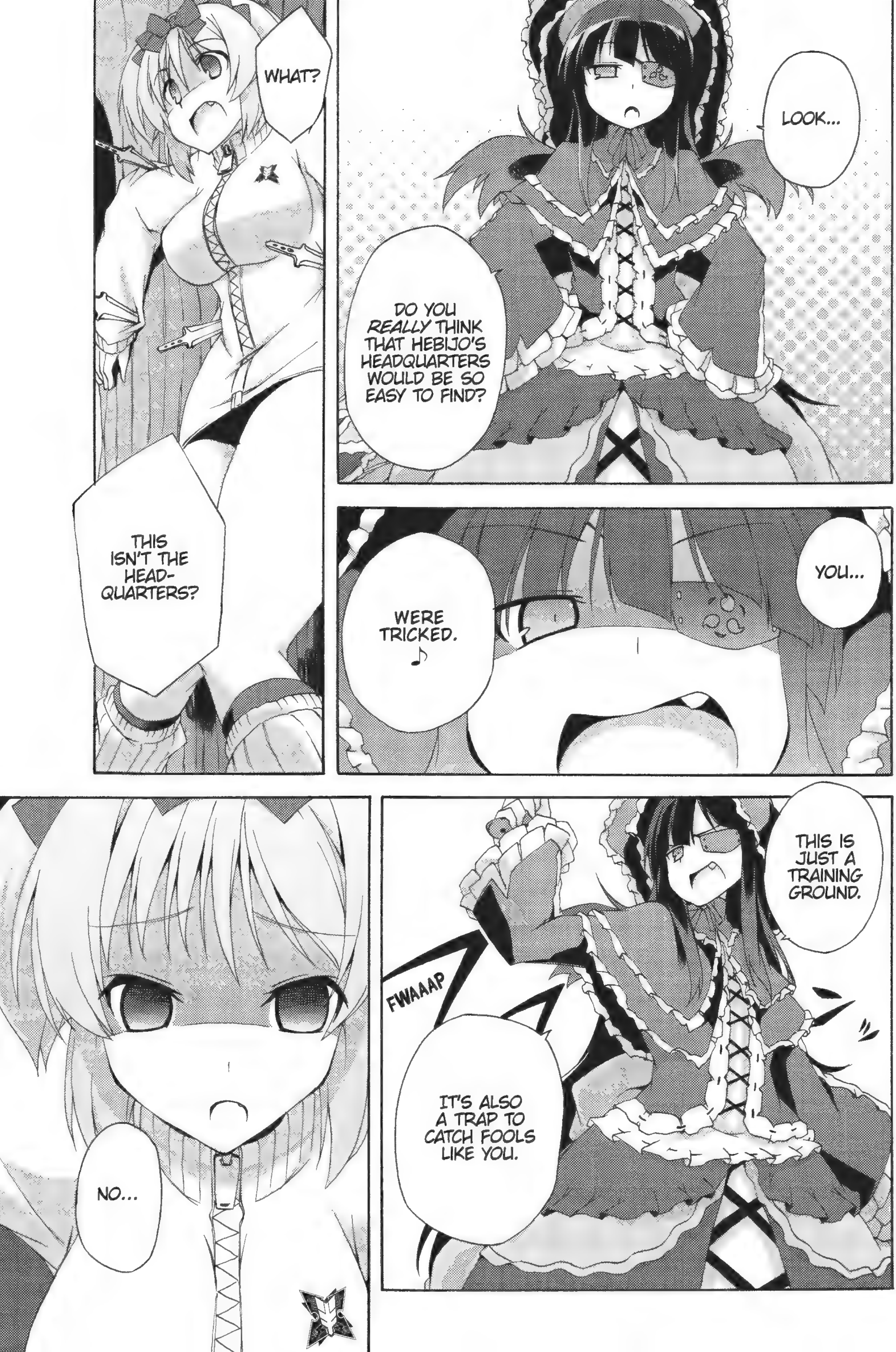
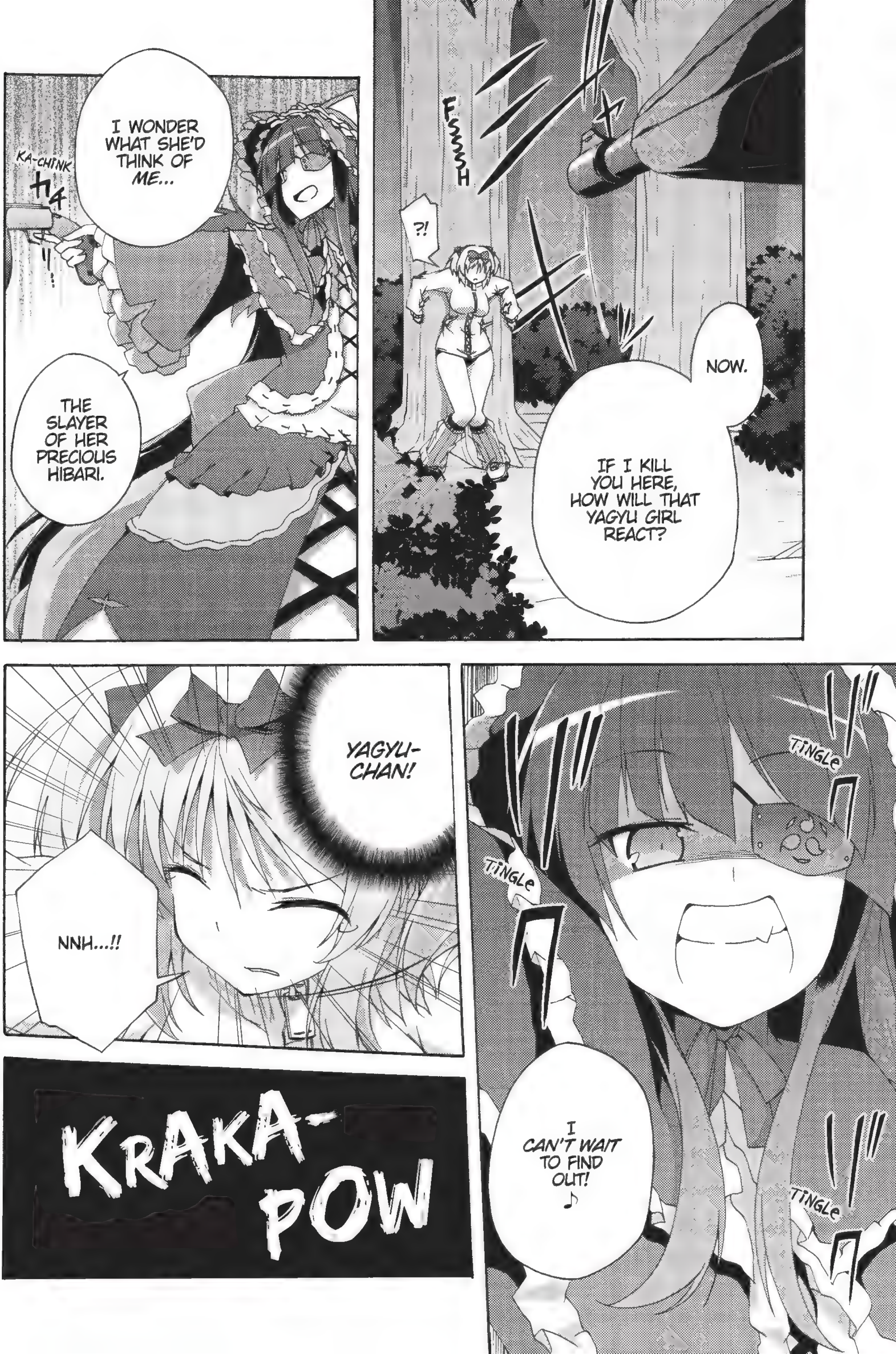
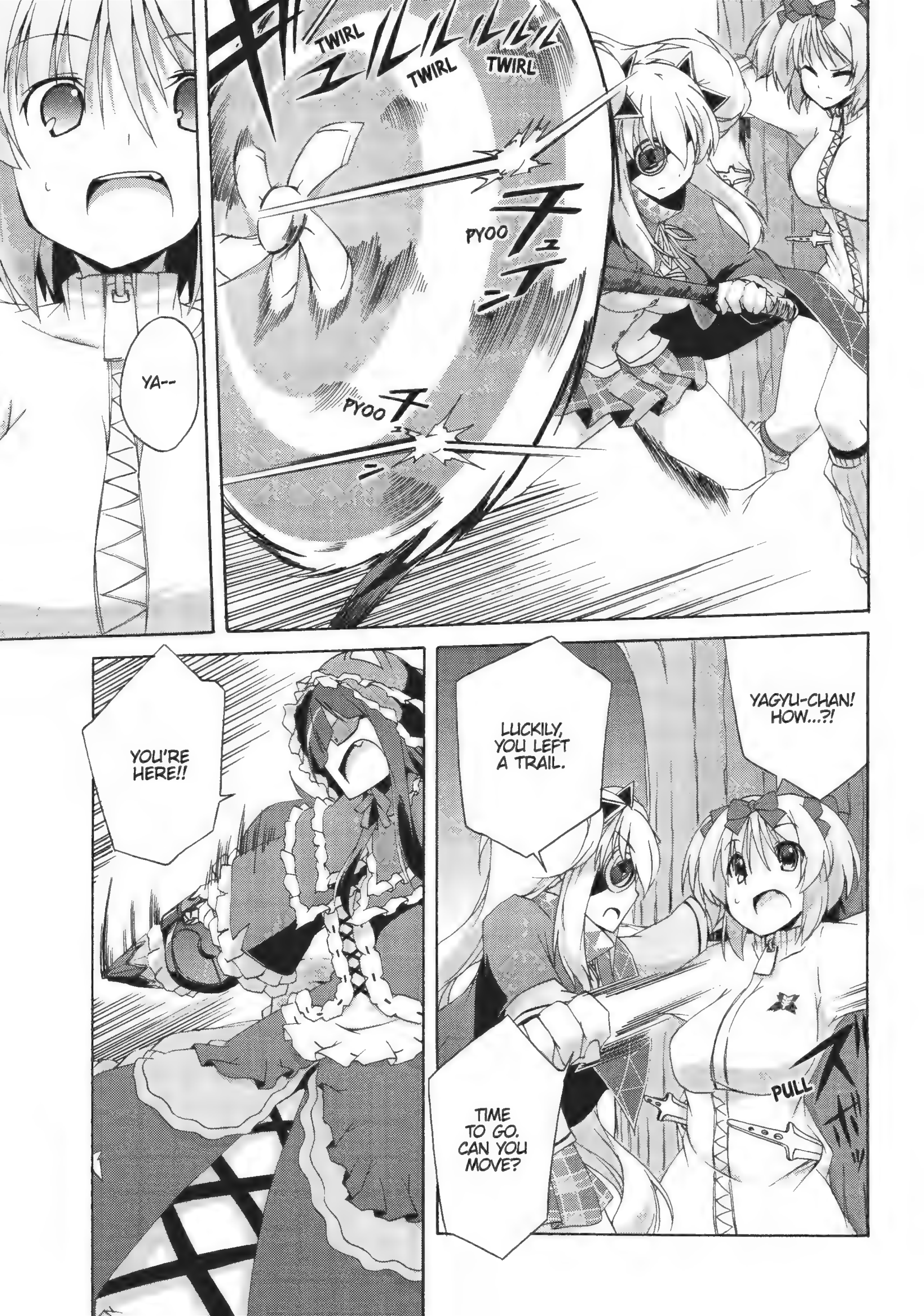
SWISH
UGH!
ダン
THUD
MY APOLOGIES...
I RESCIND MY COMMENT ABOUT YOUR COMPETENCE... THAT WAS TOO EASY.
ZUM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?


LOOK...
DO YOU *REALLY* THINK THAT HEBIJO'S HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE SO EASY TO FIND?
WHAT?
THIS ISN'T THE HEADQUARTERS?
YOU...
WERE TRICKED. ♪
THIS IS JUST A TRAINING GROUND.
FWAAAP
IT'S ALSO A TRAP TO CATCH FOOLS LIKE YOU.
NO...


FSSSH
?!
NOW.
IF I KILL YOU HERE, HOW WILL THAT YAGYU GIRL REACT?
I WONDER WHAT SHE'D THINK OF ME...
KA-CHINK
THE SLAYER OF HER PRECIOUS HIBARI.
TINGLE
TINGLE
I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT! ♪
TINGLE
YAGYU-CHAN!
NNH...!!
KRAKA-POW


ギュルルルルルル
TWIRL
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チュン
PYOO
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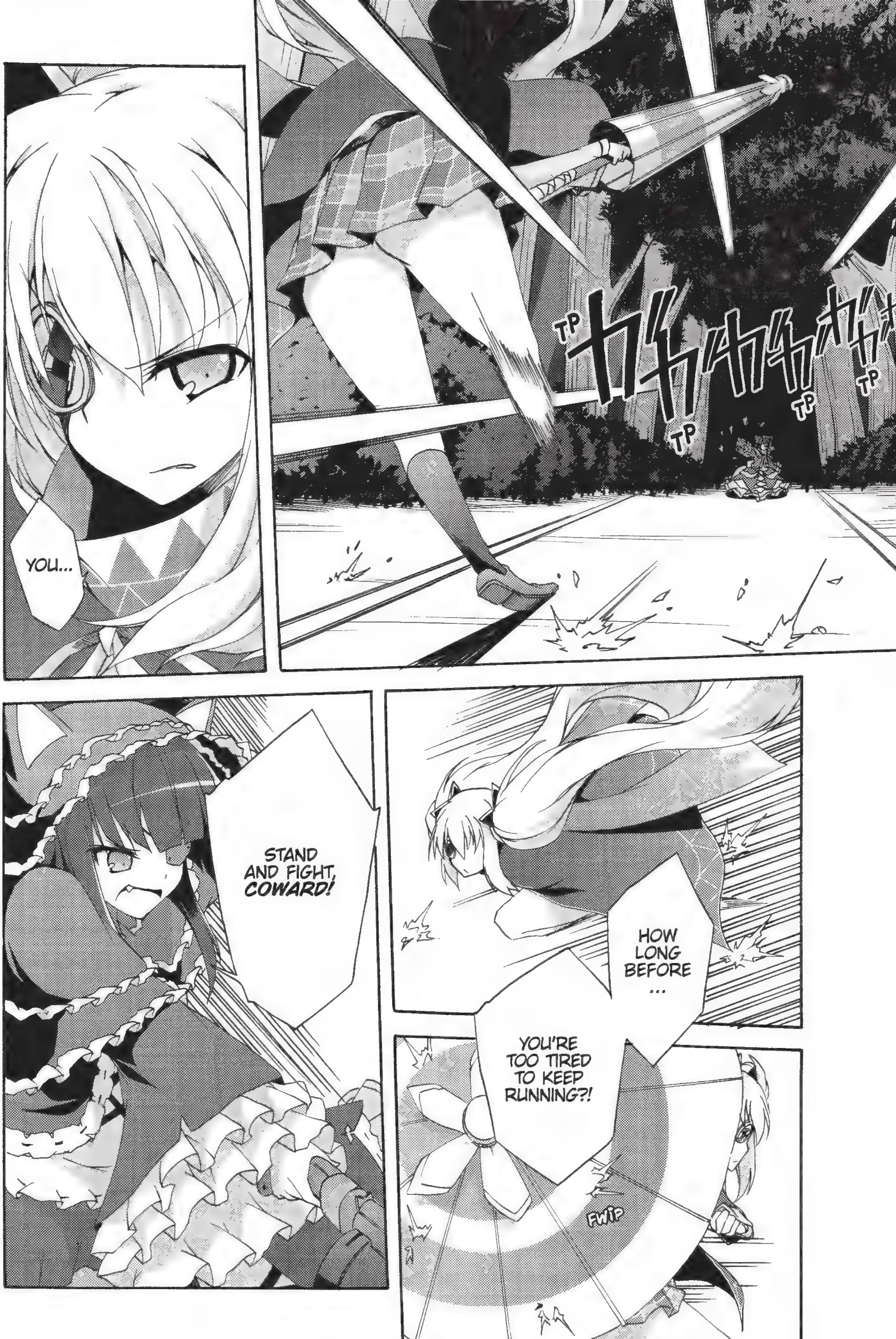
PYOO
YA--
YAGYU-CHAN! HOW...?!
LUCKILY, YOU LEFT A TRAIL.
グイッ
PULL
TIME TO GO. CAN YOU MOVE?
YOU'RE HERE!!


TP
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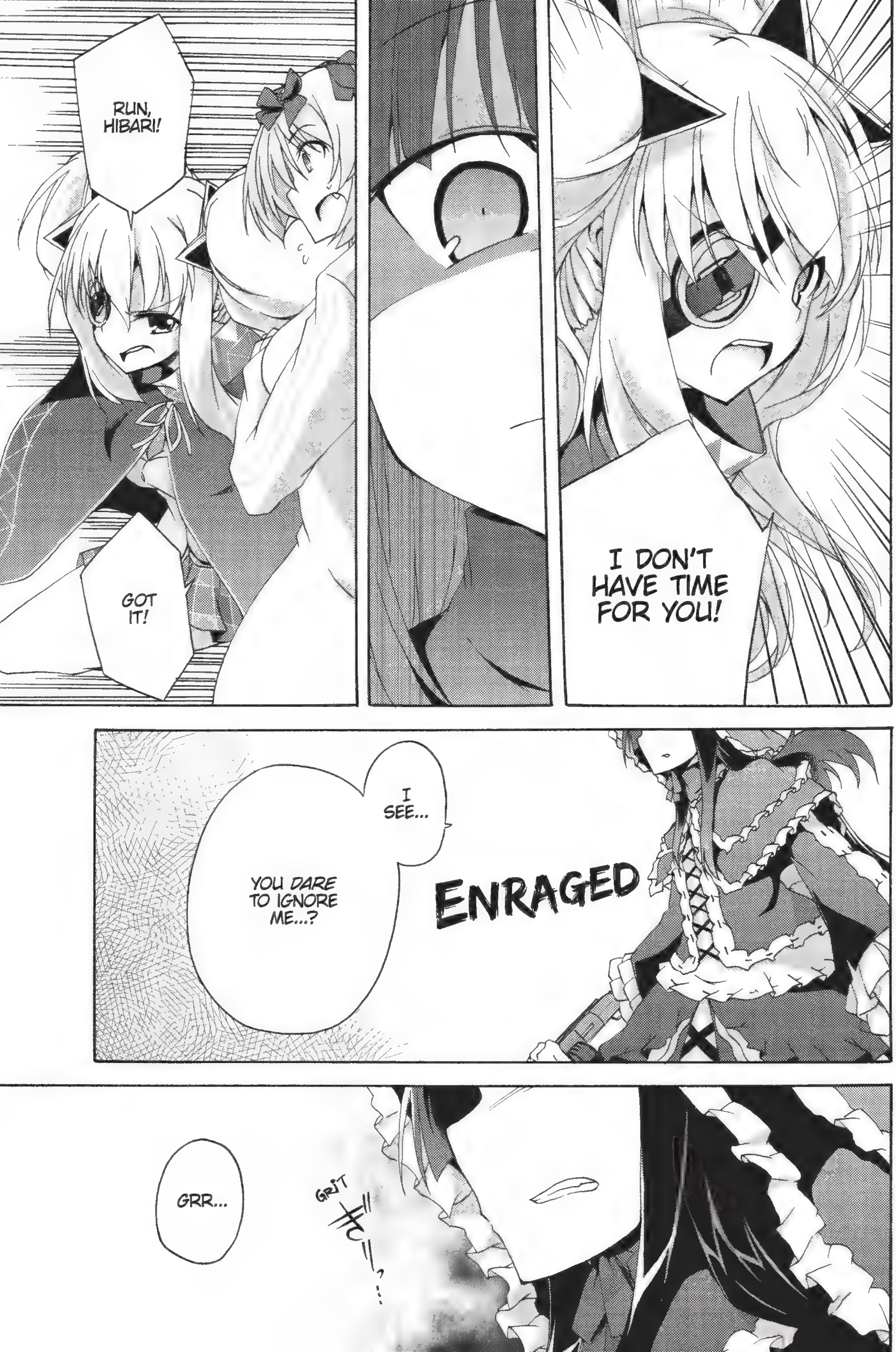
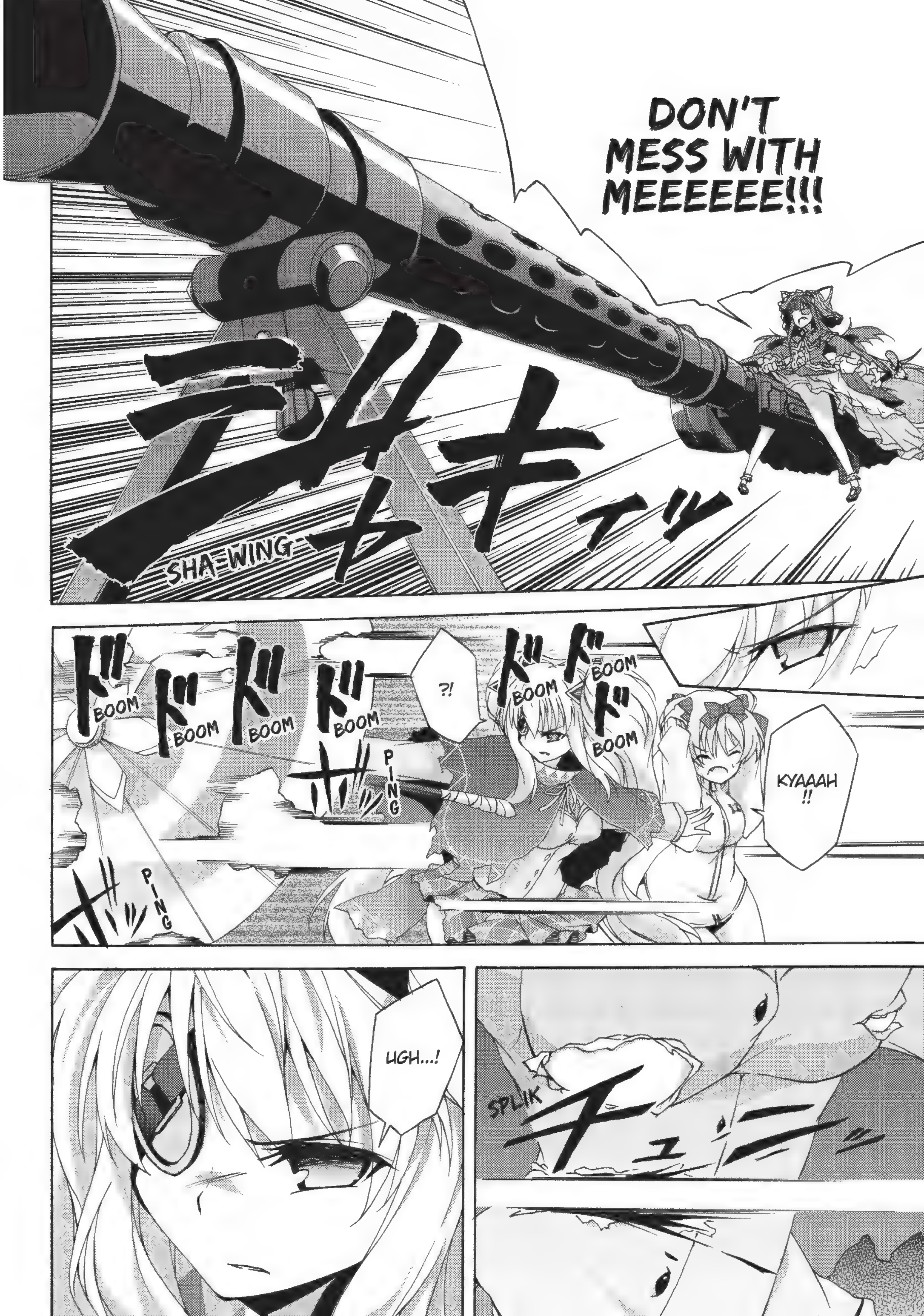
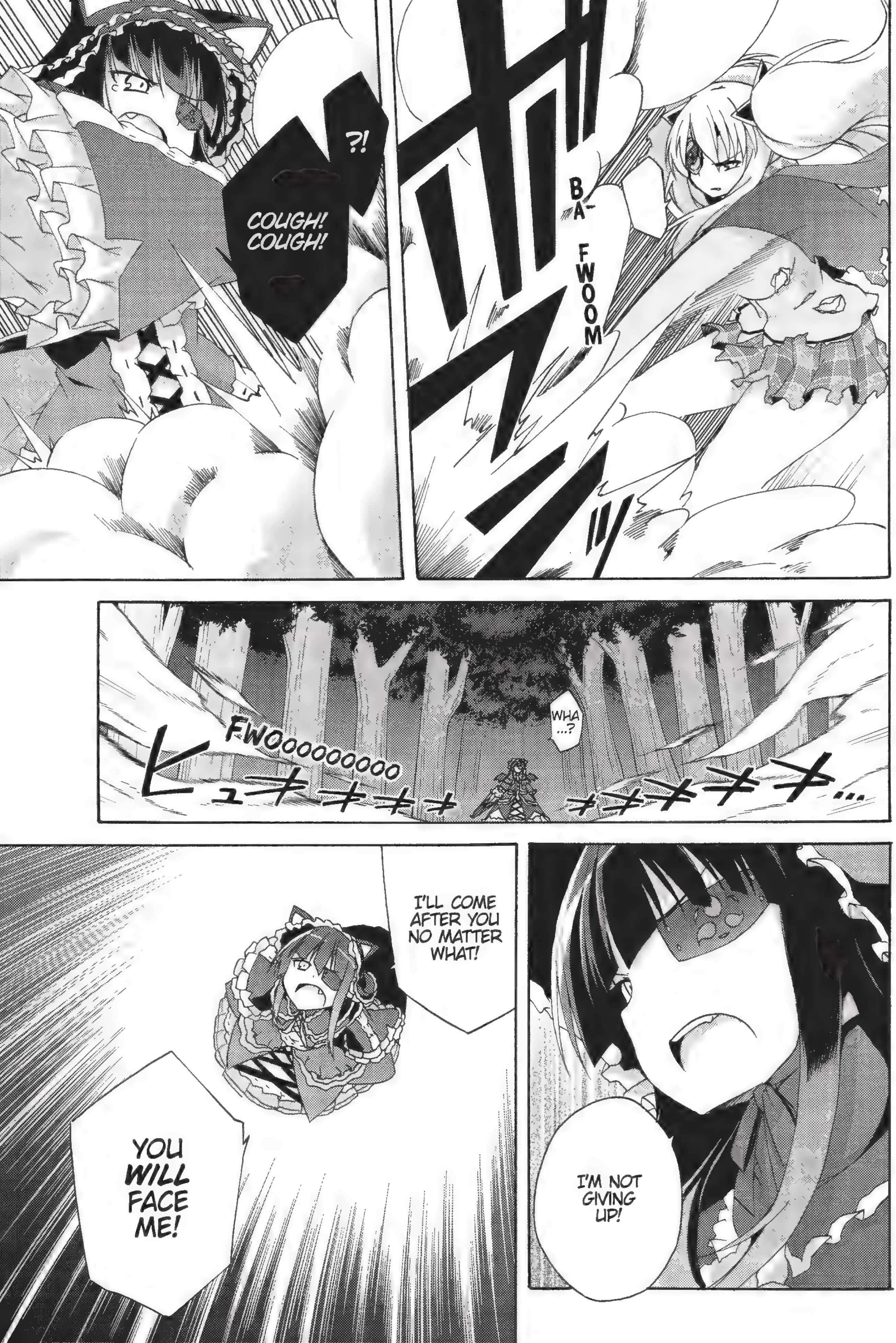
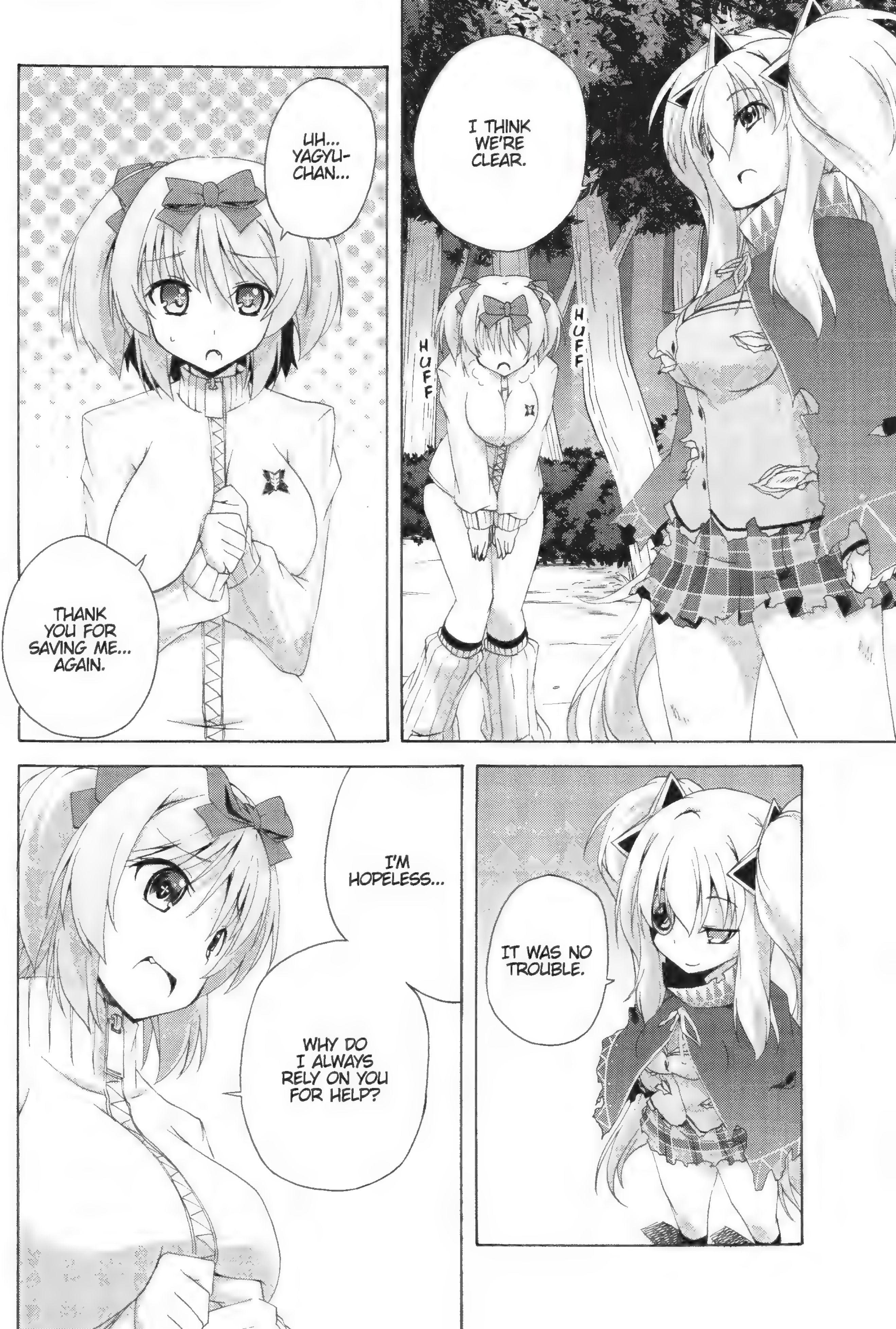
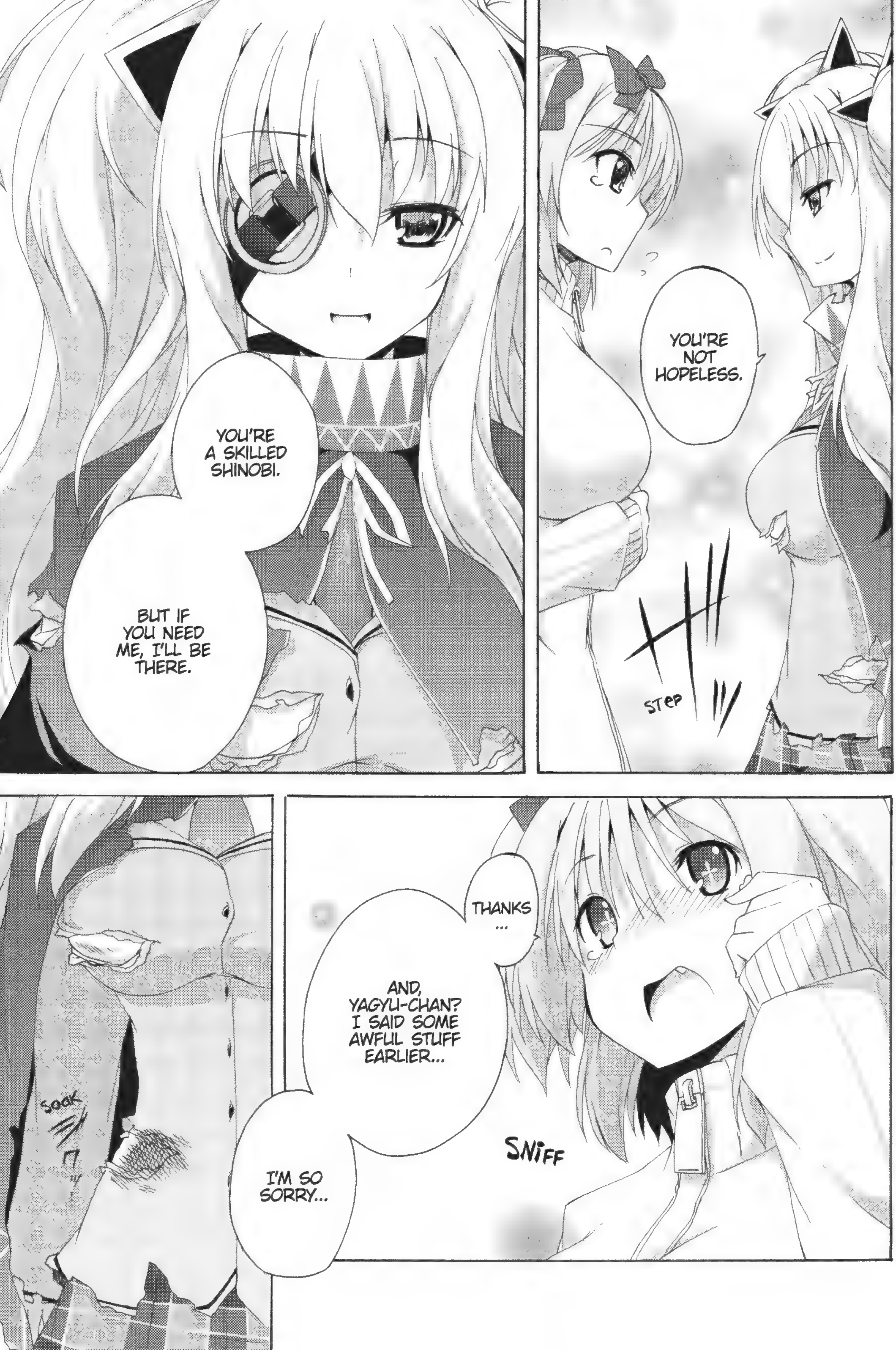
YOU...
HOW LONG BEFORE ...
YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO KEEP RUNNING?!
FWIP
STAND AND FIGHT, COWARD!

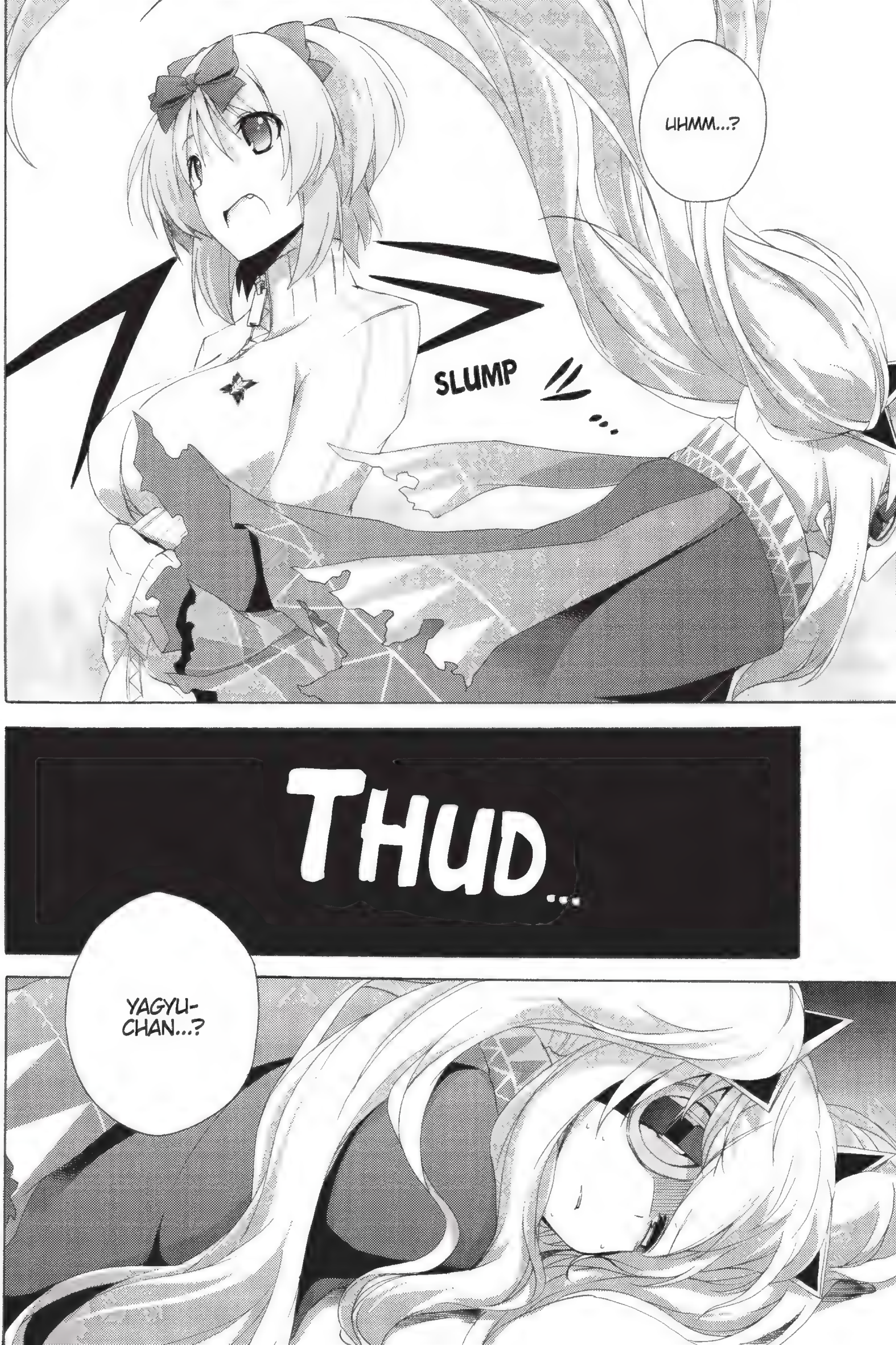

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU!
RUN, HIBARI!
GOT IT!
I SEE...
YOU DARE TO IGNORE ME...?
ENRAGED
GRIT
GRR...

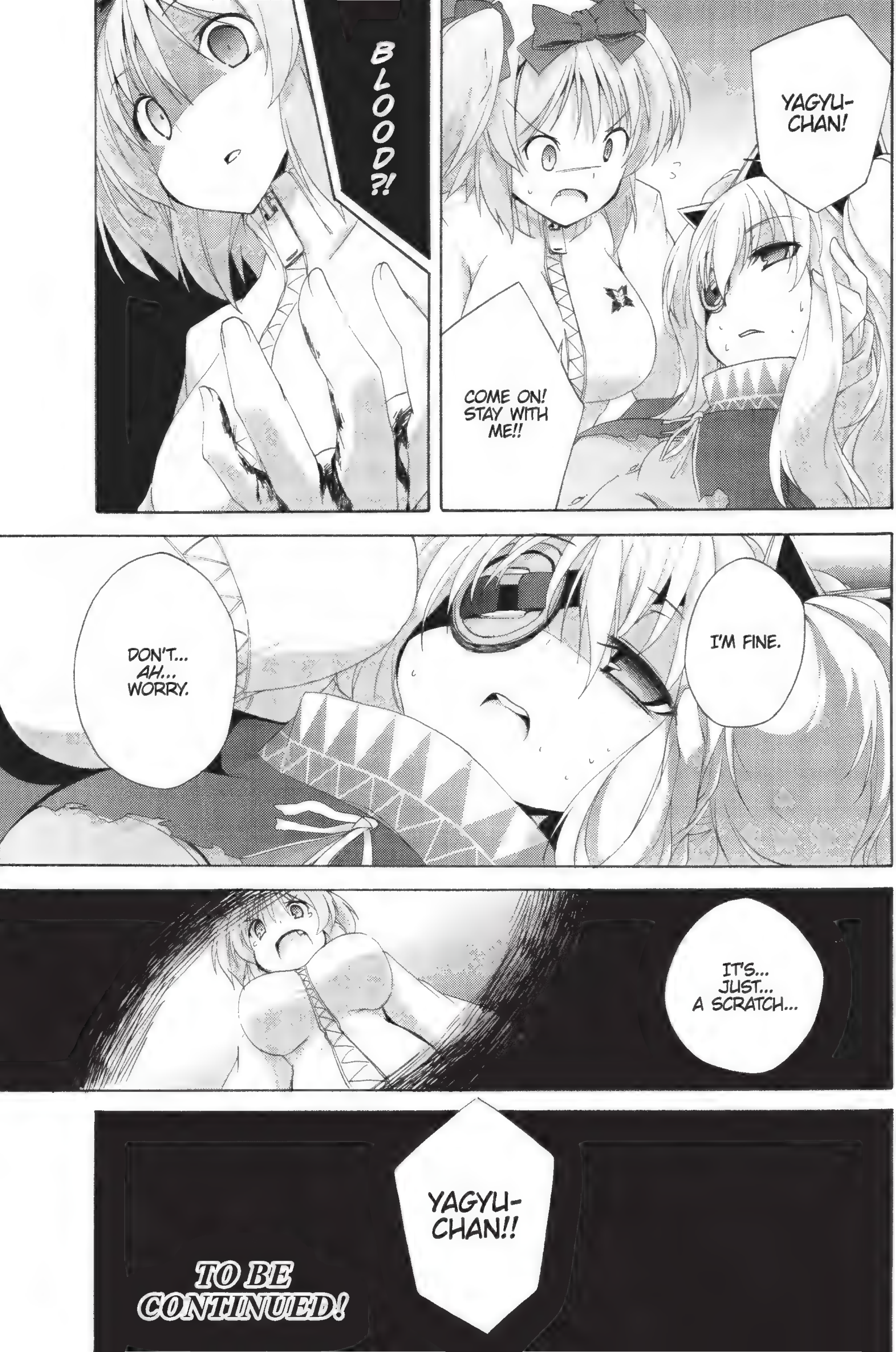

DON'T MESS WITH MEEEEEEE!!!
ジャキィッ
SHA-WING
KYAAAH!!
ドドド
BOOM BOOM BOOM
?!
ドドドド
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM
PING
PING
SPLIK
UGH...!


BA FWOOM
?!
COUGH! COUGH!
WHA ...?
FWOOOOOOOOOO
I'M NOT GIVING UP!
I'LL COME AFTER YOU NO MATTER WHAT!
YOU *WILL* FACE ME!


I THINK WE'RE CLEAR.
HUFF
HUFF
UH... YAGYU-CHAN...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME... AGAIN.
IT WAS NO TROUBLE.
I'M HOPELESS...
WHY DO I ALWAYS RELY ON YOU FOR HELP?


YOU'RE NOT HOPELESS.
STEP
YOU'RE A SKILLED SHINOBI.
BUT IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE THERE.
THANKS ...
AND, YAGYU-CHAN? I SAID SOME AWFUL STUFF EARLIER...
I'M SO SORRY...
SNIFF
SOAK


UHMM...?
SLUMP
THUD...
YAGYU-CHAN...?


YAGYU-CHAN!
COME ON! STAY WITH ME!!
BLOOD?!
I'M FINE.
DON'T... AH... WORRY.
IT'S... JUST... A SCRATCH...
YAGYU-CHAN!!
TO BE CONTINUED!

Senran Kagura Maker Comments

Kenichiro Takashi (Producer)

Hey! This is Takagi, aka NyuNyu*. How did you like Volume 1 of the monthly *Comic Alive* version of *Senran Kagura*? This series began one month before the release of the game, and yet the fact that it's in graphic novel format means that six months have passed already! How time flies! We created *Senran Kagura* thinking that "there should be a healthy, sexy action game"! *Senran Kagura* is now getting bigger and bigger each day, like breasts during the growing season. Opposing forces are gathering due to the gravitational pull of mega boobs! Stay tuned for Volume 2!

PROFILE ––––––––––––––––––––––––––––––

Game director and producer of MarvelousAQL Inc. After years of chasing after gigantic boobs, he unveiled four works collectively entitled "the mega boob hyper battle." With his unrelenting pursuit and love of boobs, he gained the lofty position of "mega boob producer." *Senran Kagura* players call him "NyuNyu" with love and respect. With his versatility and ability, he is a producer who rewards us often. Thank you, NyuNyu!

Original Story/Producer • Kenichiro Takagi

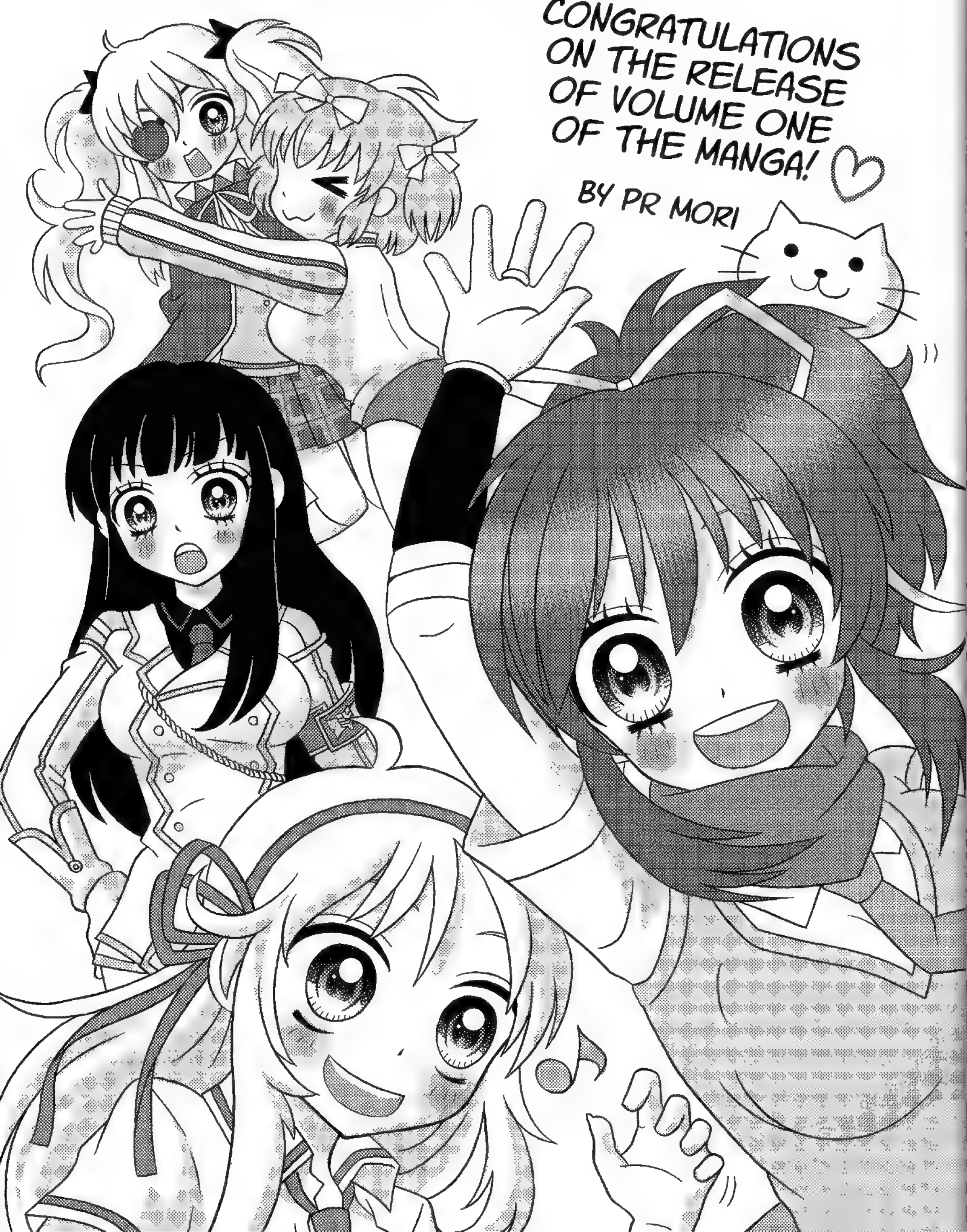
**Nyu is one way to pronounce the kanji for breast.*

PROFILE

In charge of PR and advertisement of MarvelousAQL for *Senran Kagura: Skirting Shadows Vol. 1.* Willing to put herself on the line for work, she is the paragon of an ad woman. If you see her at work, meditate with all your might. The body part that she usually puts on the line is...her right hand. What else would it be? (See: the illustration below.)

Don't call her a walking joke. Yes, she is a soft beauty. We're looking forward to Mory's future activities as she passionately (we hope!) promotes big boobs.

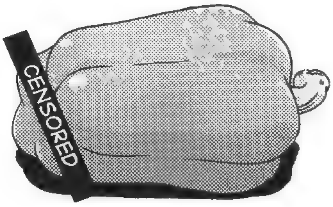
PR and Advertisement • Mori


CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RELEASE OF VOLUME ONE OF THE MANGA! ♡
BY PR MORI

POSTSCRIPT

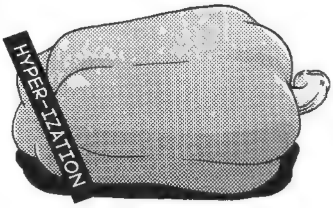
NICE TO MEET YOU.

I'M AMAMI TAKATSUME.



THANK YOU FOR READING THE MANGA VERSION OF SENRAN KAGURA. VOLUME ONE WAS CREATED WITH THE COOPERATION AND HARD WORK OF MANY, MANY PEOPLE.

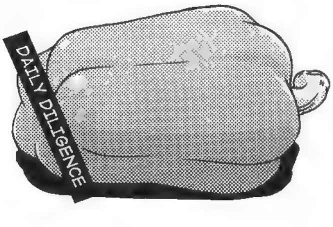
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE THE ONE TO DO THE "COMIC-IZATION" OF THIS SERIES. WHEN I FOUND OUT, I SHOUTED, "COME TO MAMA, 3D BOOBS!"



I'M STILL QUITE NEW AT THIS, BUT AFTER MEETING KAGURA, MY BOOB POWER INCREASES DAILY.

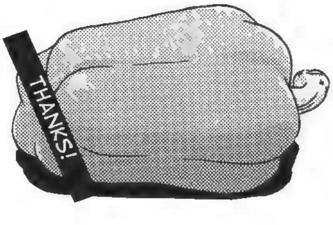
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

ALL THE CHARACTERS ARE CUTE, BUT MY FAVORITE HANZO STUDENT IS YAGYU-CHAN WITH HER LOVELY EYE PATCH, AND HOMURA-CHAN ON THE HEBIJO SIDE. HOMURA-CHAN!



I WILL WORK HARD TO DRAW OUT THE GIRLS' CHARMS EVEN MORE AND CREATE A WORK THAT YOU CAN ALL ENJOY.

AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK: NYUNYU, TAKAGI-SAMA, WHO NEVER TIRES OF KEEPING UP WITH ME AND MY IRREGULAR AND SUDDEN PROGRESS, AND MORY-SAMA WHO IS IN CHARGE OF PR FOR THE PUBLISHER. (THANKS FOR SENDING COMMENTS AND ILLUSTRATIONS!)

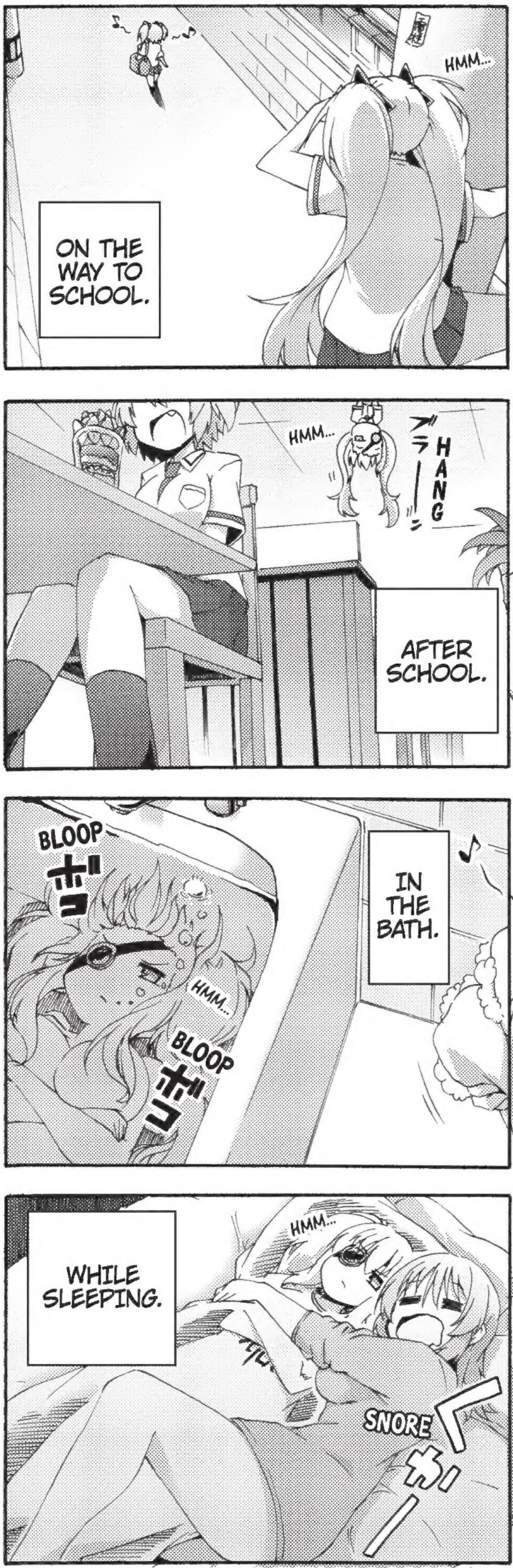


AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE READING THIS STORY... THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH! I WILL WORK HARD TO MAKE IT THE BEST WORK I CAN, SO PLEASE STAY TUNED.

AMAMI TAKATSUME... OVER AND OUT.

◆ SPECIAL THANKS TO: ALL OF THE ASSISTANTS HELPING ME; KIO-SENSEI, THE DESIGNER; AND ALL OF YOU IN *ALIVE*'S EDITING DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF ME!

I SHALL PROTECT HIBARI


HMM...
ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL.
HMM...
HANG
ブラ～ン
AFTER SCHOOL.
BLOOP
ボコ
IN THE BATH.
HMM...
BLOOP
ボコ
HMM...
WHILE SLEEPING.
SNORE

THIS IS AN ENDLESS LOOP. ⬆

YAGYU-SAN'S DAILY SCHEDULE

雲雀命
DEVOTED TO HIBARI

SENRAN
KAGURA
Skirting
Shadows

It's time for some titillating ninja action.
SENRAN KAGURA
Burst

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